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House waits for unified position on CW issue

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Contract workers display signs showing the many years they have lived and worked in the CNMI at a meeting of the House of Representatives on the current labor crisis yesterday.

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Calling it "premature," House Speaker Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan) said it's too early too come up with a unified position from the House of Representatives on a stance on current contract worker issues even as Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his team made their case clear in Washington, D.C. for an extension of the contract worker program past 2019 and improved status for longtime guest workers this week.

» CW rally on Sunday

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'Harbored child' takes witness stand

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» 1 count remaining as prosecution drops other charge

The alleged illegal alien Chinese girl, who was allegedly harbored along with her uncle in exchange for money by Francisco Muna Tydingco and Lili Zhang Tydingco, took the witness stand yesterday in federal court.

As this developed, after the U.S. government rested its case yesterday, assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing

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Jin Air targets families, honeymooners

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A gray and lime green Boeing 737, with a butterfly as its logo, taxied at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport runway at around 12:50pm yesterday carrying 180 tourists and flight crew.

Korean low cost carrier Jin Air made its inaugural flight to Saipan with its management hoping to plane in families and honeymooners who want to experience what the CNMI offers. The flight, which had a six-member jeans-clad crew, was originally scheduled to arrive at 1:10pm.

The plane also left Saipan yesterday with a separate flight crew flying back to Incheon at around 6pm. The crew that flew to Saipan stayed at the Kanoa Resort.

Jin Air Saipan Regional Office manager Hong Gyu "Ben" Hur said they offer Korean families, newlyweds, and young tourists low cost daily direct flights at 7:30am from Incheon to Saipan.

"We want families and honey-

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Jin Air's Boeing 737 plane taxis along the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport runway after arriving on its inaugural flight from Incheon Airport in South Korea.

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Demapan said he would like to ask Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) and Senate vice president Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) to have an audience with the Legislature to appraise them on the outcome of the "Section 902" talks with federal officials in the nation's capitol.

"That's basically it. It's just too early to come up with a unified position. The meeting is ongoing and it's premature for us to even to come up with a recommendation until we hear better or definitive information from our panel."

"But we will continue to brainstorm and see how we can best approach an issue," he added.

Demapan spoke to reporters after a House meeting where lawmakers discussed the ongoing crisis of a breached contract worker cap that prompted the federal government to stop accepting permits after an early May deadline and to reject these and force workers who did not meet the cap and their families to leave within 10-days after their permits expire.

The move is expected to force about 1,300 affected employees to leave the Commonwealth from May to October, the end of the fiscal year.

Despite hesitating on taking an official stand on the issue, lawmakers expressed their concern with the plight of contract workers and agreed with and echoed concerns that this was a humanitarian crisis expected to uproot families and workers who've contributed to the economy for years.

During the meeting yesterday, contract workers in the House chamber and gallery held up signs with the number of years they've been on island.

One of these workers, Janet Hernando, has been on island for 25 years, and says she's been urging friends and families of those affected to not panic even as they plan to leave the island.

"They're planning [to leave]. But I tell them please don't go yet because you don't know what's going to happen," she said after the House meeting.

"I've been here the longest time and I know the ups and downs of Saipan and there's always a remedy to this I believe. Because local people, I know they need us contract workers because we've been living and staying here. This is our second home. We would not be here if we did not love Saipan. I've sacrificed my family, I've seen my nephews, and their family grow up too."

Hernando says she works on island to give back home in the Philippines and would like to continue doing so.

Asked what she would like the government to support

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Rotary Hachioji looks forward to stronger ties

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The Rotary Club of Tokyo Hachioji South is looking forward to next year's Student Cultural Exchange Program with its sister club on Saipan after a successful staging this year. Two students from Saipan and two from Tokyo had been part of the program.

Saipan Rotarian Ken Kato, who attended the 30th anniversary celebration of Hachioji South last May 25, said the exchange student program was among the big topics discussed by their counterparts from Japan.

Saipan Interact members Andrea Camacho and Coleen Triana Duenas and Japanese students Shiori Koiki and Riko Yamamura were part of the Cultural Exchange Program.

"Our students had a lot of fun and wanted to go back to Saipan and we are glad to hear that Andrea and Coleen also feel the same," said Tokyo Hachioji South president Shinichi Yamaguchi, who led the Japanese delegation, during their Saipan trip.

He added that Hachioji South is suggesting that this time two male students from each club to be part of the exchange program. Both clubs would start their preparations early.

The warm reception they received from the Saipan Rotarians was another topic that had been discussed as the 50-member visiting Japanese delegation had nothing but praises from their hosts.

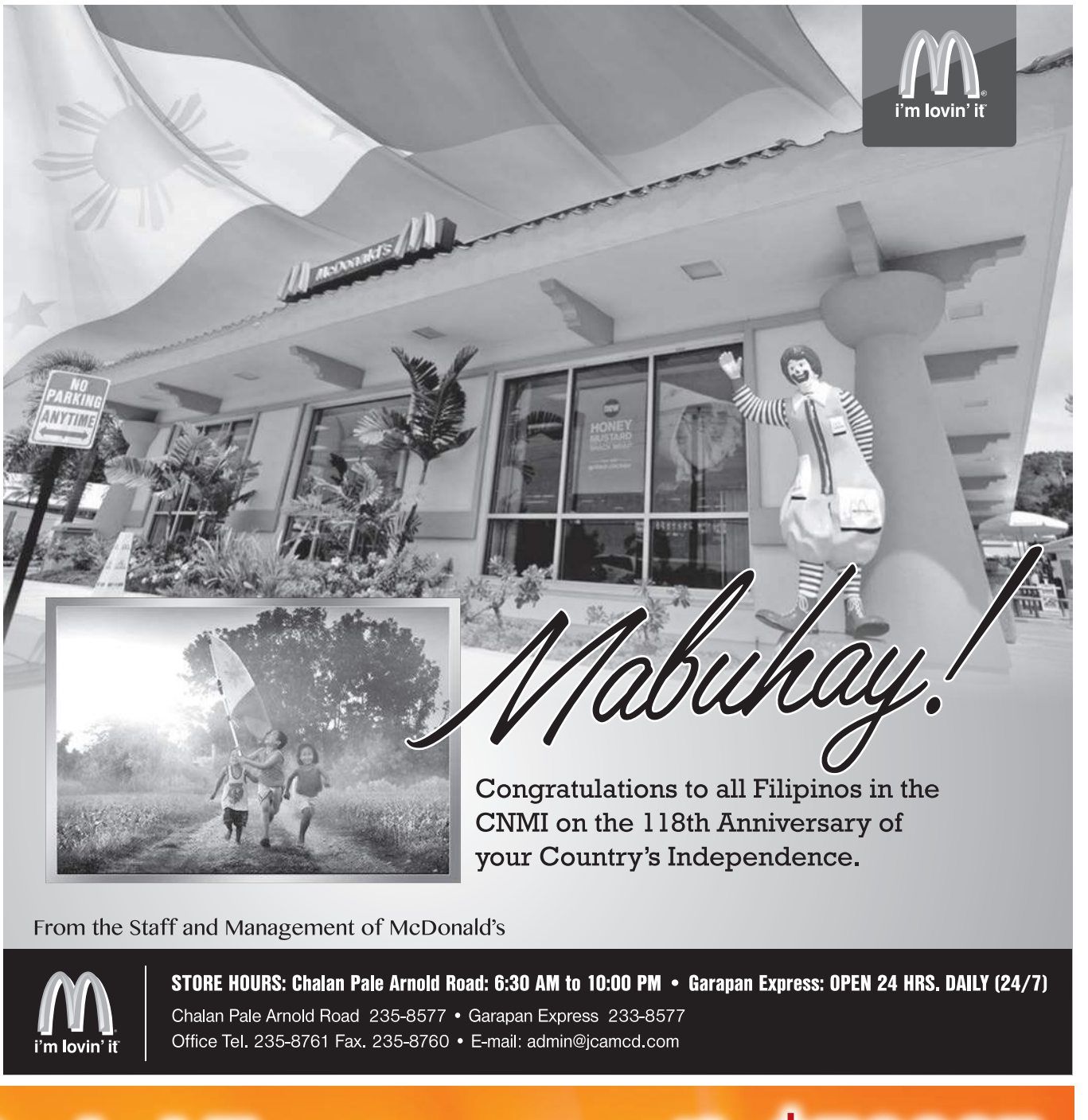
"They were truly grateful with the fellowship and they were happy that I was there to represent Saipan," said Kato. "They could not forget the outstanding reception they received."

He added that there was no mention of any other joint projects between the two clubs as of the moment.

Tokyo Hachioji South also gave Rotary Saipan president-elect Ivan Ilmov a 30-year commemorative pin.

Aside from fellowship, the Japanese Rotarians also paid their respects to all of those who died in World War II during the Battle of Saipan. They had a peace memorial ceremony at Banzai Cliff led by two of their members, who were Buddhist and Shinto Buddhist priests.

The Tokyo Hachioji South has also donated more than $5,000 to Saipan's Typhoon Soudelor recovery program through the Rotary Club of Saipan.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(Pictured is NMSA Lottery Manager, Anicia Malek and Lucky De Store Owner, Yeli, during the $5000 presentation to the lucky winner on Monday.)

A married couple from San Vicente found $5000 cash in the Buried Treasure lottery game last Monday at Lucky De store San Vicente. The husband had gone into the store to buy a soda and wanted to have some fun. He bought one Buried Treasure ticket and won $10 instantly. He claimed his prize then bought another three Buried Treasure tickets and hit the jackpot. One of his tickets won $5000 cash instantly. He could not believe his luck! Asked for a comment he said "he was so happy he was over the moon!"

NMSA Lottery Manager, Anicia Malek said 'he had just received his tax return this week and now he has won $5000 cash. What a big cash bonanza this week for them". The lucky couple who do not want to be identified plan to clear off their bills and have a major celebration later this week. On behalf of the NMSA, Anicia thanked the couple for supporting the NMSA sports fundraising program and presented them with the $5000 cash prize.

The $5000 prizes are 'tax paid' by the NMSA so every $5000 winner gets to keep the whole $5000 for themselves.

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moved to dismiss count two of the indictment charging each Francisco and Lili Tydingco with harboring illegal alien with respect to the girl's uncle, Rongxue Liu.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the motion to dismiss count 2. Manglona, however, denied the defendants' motion for judgment of acquittal as to the remaining count 1 charging each defendant with harboring illegal alien with respect to the girl.

The jurors are expected to commence their deliberations this morning, Friday, after the parties completed yesterday their closing arguments.

The 13-year-old girl, through an interpreter, testified that she first met the Tydingco couple in China in 2013. She said her parents' wish was that she could study in the U.S. or on Saipan and obtain an immigration status.

The girl said it's not her wish to study on Saipan or in the U.S. She stated that she thinks that her parents knew some people on Saipan through the Internet. She said she came to Saipan with the Tydingcos in September 2013.

The girl recalled she was excited in coming to Saipan. She said at the time she couldn't talk English and that it was Lili Tydingo who talked with a uniformed officer at the airport.

The girl said she missed China and told Lili Tydingco that she was homesick when they arrived at their house. She said Lili Tydingco told her she will go home soon.

She said she probably lived in the Tydingcos' house for over a year.

The girl said she left the Tydingcos' house when Benelyn Mettao came and took her.

Mettao is an employee of the Division of Youth Services who went to the residence of the Tydingcos in Dandan and physically removed the girl on Feb. 19, 2015, according to the prosecution.

Asked by assistant U.S. attorney Lorfing if she knew Liu, the girl said he is her uncle and that she and Francisco Tydingco and his son picked him up at the airport.

She said her uncle Liu then stayed with her in her room at the Tydingcos' residence. She said she first studied as a 3rd grade student at Dandan Elementary School.

She said at first Francisco Tydingco was taking her to school then later she was taking the bus.

She recalled that one time, police officers went to the Tydingcos' house, but Lili Tydingco told her to stay in her room.

The girl also testified that one time Lili Tydingco showed her a bank debit card and asked her to take a picture of it and send it to her mother in China. She said she sent the photo to her mother upon Lili Tydingco's instruction.

Asked why she has to send the photo of the debit card, the girl said she believes that her mother was trying to send money to Lili Tydingco.

The girl, however, stated she did not hear the Tydingcos complain about money.

Defense attorney Steven Pixley, counsel for Francisco Tydingco, asked the girl if his client was speaking to her in Chinese, to which she replied "no." Pixley did not ask other question.

Attorney Bruce Berline, counsel for Lili Tydingco, did not ask the girl.

Lorfing, in re-direct examination, asked the girl if she was speaking in English when she left the Tydingcos' house, to which she replied "yes."

After her testimony, the girl smiled, got down from the witness stand, walked, and ran to hug a female lawyer, who accompanied her in court.

DYS staff Mettao testified briefly after she was only asked a few questions. She said she met the girl at school and that she spoke with the Tydingcos.

After Mettao's testimony, Lorfing said the government rests its case. The defense did not call any witness.

In the U.S. government's closing arguments, Lorfing said it is clear that they met the burden to prove beyond reasonable doubt to the offense of harboring an illegal alien and asked the jurors to find the Tydingcos guilty.

"What I am asking you is to follow the law. Apply the facts to the law," Lorfing said.

Lorfing said there are no shortcuts in life.

The prosecutor told the jurors that maybe they are feeling compassion for the child or to the Tydingcos, but reminded them that under the law they should not consider compassion and sympathy.

Lorfing said Francisco Tydingco aided and abetted Lili Tydingco in harboring the child, who was an illegal alien.

He said Francisco Tydingco acted with the intent before the crime of harboring illegal alien was committed.

Citing witnesses' testimony and documents, Lorfing said the girl was paroled until Nov. 4, 2013, and remained in the U.S. or CNMI in violation of law.

Lorfing said by remaining on Saipan past Nov. 4, 2013, the girl was illegally staying in the U.S.

Lorfing said Lili Tydingco in her sworn statements admitted that they enrolled the girl at Dandan Elementary School two weeks after arriving on Saipan on Sept. 26, 2013.

The prosecutor said the girl was allowed to stay in the U.S. or the CNMI for 45 days, but Lili Tydingco admitted that the child stayed with them for one year and a half.

Lorfing asked why Lili Tydingco asked the child to send photo of her (Lili) debit card to her mother in China.

Lorfing said the defendants were not doing this to the child out of the kindness of their heart, but specifically for the purpose of financial gain.

In court papers, the prosecution alleged that in exchange for $15,000, Lili Tydingco agreed to take the child to America, enroll her in public school on Saipan, and ultimately assist her in obtaining a green card.

Lorfing said this girl is a complete stranger to the Tydingco family.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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mooners to fly direct from Korea to Saipan. These are small groups of people who wanted to see the sites and experience what Saipan has to offer," said Hur minutes after emerging from the Saipan International Airport's Customs and Immigration checkpoints.

"Saipan has natural beauty especially the color of the sky and water. It is great for site-seeing and visiting historical sites. The island has recovered quickly after Typhoon Soudelor," added Hur when interviewed by the local media that attended yesterday's event.

Kanoa Resort operations director Glenn Policare said the local community has always been excited to welcome new tourists on the island.

"We're always excited to see new guests. The flight crew will be staying at Kanoa where a welcome reception will be held at Nami Bar," said Policare. "We expect the number of Korean tourists to further increase once Kensington Hotel opens on July 21."

The Korean tourists, mostly families with their young kids, are spread out in different hotels like the Pacific Islands Club, Fiesta Resort & Spa, and Saipan World Resort.

Jin Air's roundtrip ticket for its inaugural flight was $300 and it will be $400, which is still affordable. All prices would also depend on the season.

"Saipan is a good tourist destination especially for site seeing. We're trying to get more Korean tourists to get here with our daily flights," said Hur.

Asked why the crew wore jeans as their uniform, Hur said that it was the regular apparel of young people and at the same time comfortable for their flight staff. Jin Air also flies to Guam, Honolulu, and Southeast Asian countries.

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amid the labor issues, Hernando said, "Improved status."

"I've been here 25 years. I think I'm entitled for just the resident [status]. I am not after the green card not yet. Just to stay here. To continue living and working. I am supporting my family back home. I'm helping them so that's all I need.

"I pay my tax. I don't have any bad record," she went on to say. "I don't have any criminal case. I'm totally clean. I just feel that anyone who is like me should be given improved status."

'Improve status' and meeting with USCIS

Saipan Tribune revealed on Wednesday that Torres had asked the White House's support for improved status or a path to lawful permanent residency in meetings with President Obama's special representative and Department of Interior assistant secretary for Insular Area Esther Kia'aina and in the position paper submitted to the federal government on labor and immigration issues.

Still, Speaker Demapan said they would like to continue discussing the issue.

"The improved status has been discussed back in the 17th Legislature. Again, that is something that the Legislature would have to continue to discuss…if it's leaning toward that position I cannot just unilaterally recommend that because that requires the body to discuss and sit down and see whether that would be the best approach."

He added there was "nothing definite yet" but he feels "sorry for these people who've been here long time ago."

House fiscal chair Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) also said all stakeholder should be gathered to make sure they come to a unified position on all the different labor issues and the 2019 extension, and if the government is going to push for an adjustment for the 2016 cap because "we obviously can't expect the 1,300 estimated affected individuals to get up and leave in 10 days."

"But that's just counting the workers," he added. "You gotta take it into consideration the whole families" who've "been here 15 to 25 years and all that."

He said he hopes the governor and the 902 talks team comes back and calls for a joint leadership meeting between the House and Senate, the Department of Labor, his administration, and the business sector to provide an update "on what was agreed upon and discussed" and then assess "what to do."

Demapan said he will write a letter to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services district director David Gulick to request an audience with him on the issue.

"We want to hear it directly from Mr. Gulick so we can see how we can best approach…I see it's a federal matter and" and extension of the CW program "requires a Congressional action but what we are trying to do here is to come up with a position so we can assist our delegate [Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan] to whatever he intends to do," Demapan said.

Demapan and Sablan are former local immigration officials.

Delegate Sablan, for his part, has said he will introduce a bill to extend the contract worker program for 10 years with a 18,000 worker cap.

But it's unclear right not how Torres' shift of position would accommodate a request for improved status in the 902 position paper and in talking with federal officials may affect Sablan's proposal. Sablan and Torres have earlier indicated a desire that the "language" for both their efforts through the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch be in line with each other.

Rep. Antonio Sablan also wants to hear directly from an authorized representative of USCIS instead of getting "our piecemeal information from various sources."

He said that even the "so-called clarification" that was reported from USCIS yesterday still left a lot of questions. USCIS released a notice on Tuesday that workers under the 2016 cap could file for extensions or for change of employees, which was taken as nothing new for those who wanted to hear adjustments for the 1,300 affected employees who missed the 2016 cap and would have to leave.

With regards to the cap, Sablan suggested the cap was not tracked correctly.

"I think somebody failed to keep a running" tally "and monitor the numbers that were being issued," he said. "I think it was months ago that they had reached it and they should have stopped it back then. But it seems they've continued to issue [permits] beyond the 12,999" cap. He believes that otherwise, USCIS would have authorized the renewal of the 1,300 affected, if they hadn't issued permit beyond the cap.

CW Rally on Sunday

Mami Ikeda, along with other contract workers at the House yesterday, are urging supporters to come out to a rally at Kilili Beach at 3pm Sunday on the current issues.

Ikeda said some of the affected workers have already left the Commonwealth.

Ikeda, who first came to Saipan in the 1970s, earns her living in processing documents and also is an active volunteer, helping out in various groups after the devastating Typhoon Soudelor.

Ikeda says she does not do this because she wants something, she does it because "this is my home."

"I want to help people. But it's just sad. This is what I think—the government here created the contract worker program because they need a workforce. They started it. And if something happens [to the program], we need them to back us up."

That's what happened or did not happen with the CNMI permanent residents, Ikeda said, recalling how her deceased brother and father, who were given permanent residency by the CNMI government, were devastated when the federal government took over local immigration.

"They became parolees," she said, "which is a status-less people. These are people who were treated like U.S. citizens up until federalization came. And he was so mad…he was so pissed off that he had to take one month off from work simply because he's [employment authorization document] was delayed and here were all his co-workers who were CWs working… He was devastated.

"He was trying to get some kind of status for himself. Dad passed away first and then he died as a parolee."

Train locals

Meantime, Demapan urged that businesses renew focus in training local workers.

"I personally would like to recommend and suggest to our businesses to start investing more and continue investing more on trainings. Because of this uncertainty, we have to continue investing more on trainings to try to maximize those employees to try and cover those [employees] lost and work closely with our [Northern Marianas College and Northern Marianas Technical Institute] so they can easily address the shortage of manpower

"…It appear to be late because the 2019 [expiration of the CW program] date is looming but you know you got to start to be doing this but you know this is the alternative that should be done rather than waiting for a last minute," he added.

Convicted burglar's petition to compel clerk of court to comply with rules denied

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The CNMI Supreme Court has denied a convicted burglar's petition for a writ compelling the Superior Court's Office of the Clerk of Court to comply with the high court's rules regarding the assembly, certification, and transmittal of the record on appeal.

The high court justices said they recognize petitioner Sonny Babauta's concerns, and they are not diminishing the importance of an appellant's right to a full and complete record for a meaningful appellate review.

However, the justices said, mandamus is a drastic remedy and must be used only in extraordinary situations.

"Especially where an ordinary procedure is available, as here, writ of mandamus is not the proper vehicle to seek redress," said the high court's decision signed on Wednesday by Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Associate Justice Perry B. Inos, and Justice Pro Tem Robert J. Torres Jr.

Babauta was among five persons charged for his role in the conspiracy to burglarize a warehouse in Afetnas and steal copper wire and other items. He went to trial and was convicted by the jury. He appealed his conviction. The appeal is still pending in the Supreme Court.

On Feb. 25, 2014, Babauta filed a notice of appeal.

On Jan. 26, 2016, the Superior Court's Office of the Clerk filed the certificate of record, attesting the documents comprising the record on appeal, including pleadings, exhibits, and the transcript of proceedings, were available to the parties at the Superior Court's Clerk's Office.

In another case pending before the CNMI Supreme Court, Monkeya's counsel filed a petition for writ of mandamus, impelling the Clerk to comply with the rules for the proper assembly, certification, and transmission of the appellate record.

Subsequently, Babauta filed a motion to stay the briefing schedule pending the outcome of the Monkeya petition, asserting the resolution of those issues was pertinent to his appeal. The Supreme Court denied the motion based on procedural deficiencies.

On March 22, 2016, Babauta filed a motion to stay the appeal proceedings and concurrently filed a motion for a writ of mandamus.

Babauta, through counsel Jennifer Dockter, argues the clerk failed to comply with the Supreme Court rules pertaining to the assembly, certification, and transmittal of the appellate record.

He asserts the record is unreliable because it is incomplete and is not properly assembled.

Due to these alleged deficiencies, Babauta claims he cannot proceed with his appeal brief, and thus, the Supreme Court must compel the clerk to comply.

In denying Babauta's petition, the justices said issuance of a writ of mandamus is a drastic remedy invoked only in the "most dire of instances when no other relief is available."

The justices said Babauta's argument fails because NMI Supreme Court Rule 10(e) provides recourse to cure deficiencies in the record.

Under Rule 10(e), parties can correct any material differences, omissions, or inaccuracies in the record by submitting the error to the clerk or through stipulation.

The justices said Babauta failed to show that he made any efforts to identify or reconcile the errors with the clerk or the Commonwealth.

The justices said the alleged injury is unsubstantiated and at best, speculative.

"There is no showing how the deficient record prevents him from going forward with the appeal," the justices said.

The justices said although the trial exhibits were not assembled with the record, they cannot conclude that such exclusion by the clerk was clearly erroneous.

The justices said a single instance of an alleged error does not establish an oft-repeated error.

Therefore, the justices said they cannot conclude that the clerk persistently disregarded the rules.

Last March, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho resentenced Babauta's co-defendant Jeffrey Jindawong Lizama to the maximum of five years imprisonment.

Babauta was among the five defendants charged in the burglary at the warehouse of Han Nam, formerly known as the Onu Moda Factory, on Dec. 18 and 19, 2012.

Lizama and Mathias Salasiban pleaded guilty to burglary. In 2013, Camacho slapped the two with a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison with no parole.

Lizama and Salasiban appealed.

In 2014, the CNMI Supreme Court returned the case to Superior Court for resentencing because not ordering the presentence investigation report resulted in Salasiban receiving a sentence twice as long as the statutory maximum for the crime he committed.

In June 2015, Camacho resentenced Salasiban to the maximum of five years in prison.

The two other co-defendants are Fiden Hamo and Petrus Anastacio.

Hamo pleaded guilty in the burglary case and also in a rock-throwing incident. He was slapped with a five-year jail term.

Anastacio's charge of accessory after the fact to burglary was dismissed during the trial.

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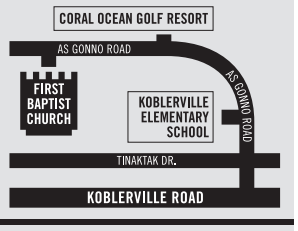

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Authorities arrest own 'cooperating defendant'

Members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested on Wednesday afternoon their own "cooperating defendant" after they found that he was allegedly present, without their authority, during a drug buy-walk operation in a car with a known distributor of methamphetamine or "ice."

Robert Camacho Torres, 37, was taken to Superior Court yesterday on charges of trafficking of controlled substance and conspiracy.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $100,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for June 14 at 1:30pm.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Torres. Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub appeared for the government.

Office of the Attorney General investigator George Fleming, a DETF member, stated in an affidavit that in May 2015 the court released Torres pursuant to a stipulation agreement after authorities used him as a "cooperating defendant" for the government.

Fleming said Torres has violated his release conditions set forth by the court.

Fleming said members of DETF and Drug Enforcement Administration conducted an investigation into the reported drug activities of a known "ice" distributor last March 29.

Fleming said during a controlled buy-walk operation last April 5, their other "cooperating defendant" managed to buy $130 worth of "ice" from the known drug distributor inside a car in the parking lot of MSV Building II in Garapan.

Fleming said the "cooperating defendant" disclosed to them that Torres was in the car during the drug transaction.

Fleming said their video/audio recording devices confirmed that Torres was indeed present in the car during the drug deal.

Fleming said they did not authorize Torres to be facilitating with other known drug associates.

He added that Torres has not been constantly communicating with them and uncooperative with him. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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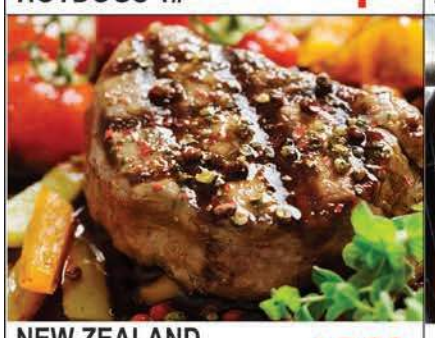

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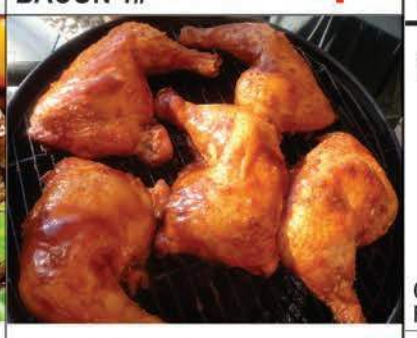

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Liberation Day festivities start today

The Saipan Mayor's Office, the Liberation Day committee, non-profit Liberation Day Foundation, and Skywalker Communications Group have put the finishing touches to ensure a smooth and entertaining opening day of the 71st Liberation Day festivities tonight at the Garapan Fishing Base.

The tents were put up last week, while the stage crew worked day and night to finish setting up and decorating the stage, which is equipped with state of the art sound systems and LED screens.

Performers of the nightly Liberation Day festivities are expected to be motivated in giving their best to entertain the community and tourists that will troop to the Fishing Base.

The 2016 CNMI Liberation Day candidates, meanwhile, decided to amp up the festival atmosphere at the Fishing Base by selling raffle tickets on site.

More than 65 volunteers also signed up to be part of the festivities where they will be assisting the organizers in various capacities.

This year Skywalker Communications Group designed the volunteer program to specifically focus on the development of all individuals who signed up to widen and improve their career prospects.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang expressed his enthusiasm and extended his appreciation to all the volunteers for their willingness to contribute to the community.

Volunteers will be assigned to learn various skills in photography, entertainment, event management, videography, creative writing, web community management, stage light and sound engineering, and more.

Volunteers will also develop their communication skills, which would enhance their career prospects.

Needless to say, the 2016 Liberation Day Festivities is destined to be the biggest and most colorful ceremony the CNMI has ever witnessed. ***(PR)***

CUC announces emergency water service interruption

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there are emergency water service interruptions as follows:

Capitol Hill, Papago Drive, and Garapan

CUC customers in Capitol Hill, Papago Drive, and Garapan will experience a temporary water service interruption on Friday, June 10, from 8am to 5pm, as CUC Water personnel will perform repairs on the Booster Pumps. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of services soon thereafter.

As Lito, Koblerville, Upper Dandan Homestead, South San Vicente, and Obyan

Customers who live in As Lito Village along from Chalan Monsignor Martinez Road to the ABCD Market in Koblerville, As Lito Road, Upper Dandan Homestead, South San Vicente, and Obyan villages will also be experiencing intermittent water service as CUC's contractor AIC Marianas, Inc. repairs the identified leaks discovered during the ongoing CUC leak detection and repair program.

The ongoing waterline repairs project is expected to be completed in February 2017.

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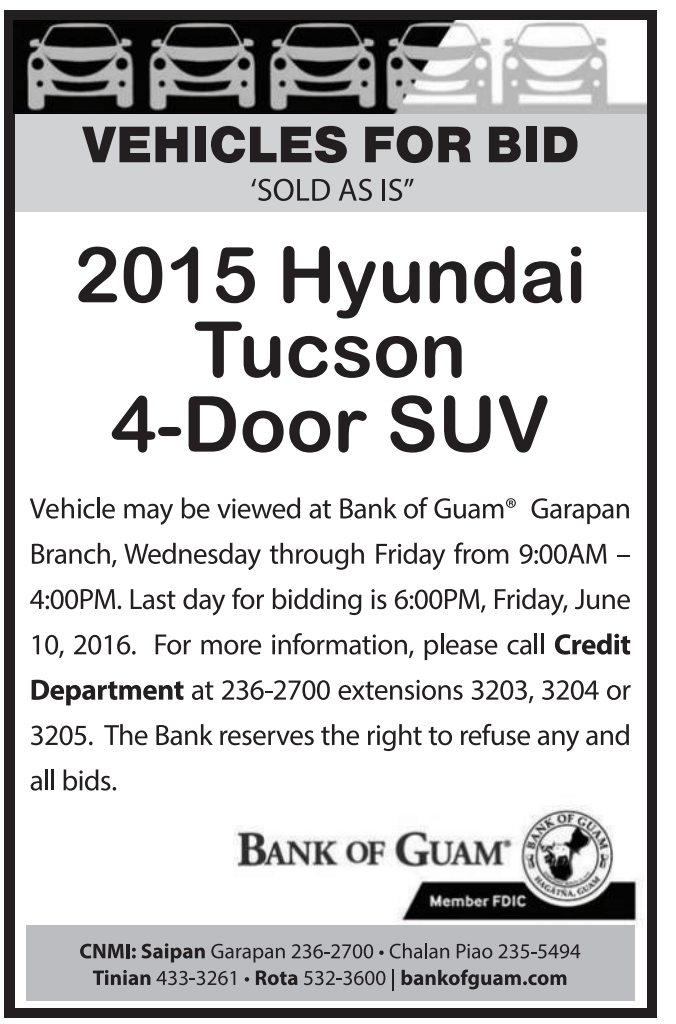
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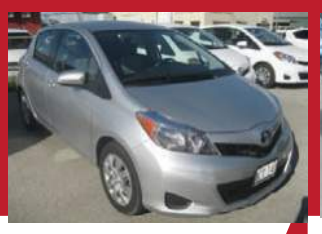

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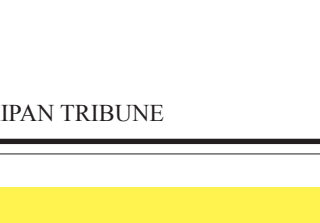

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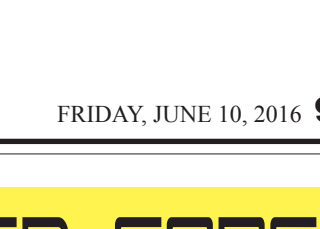

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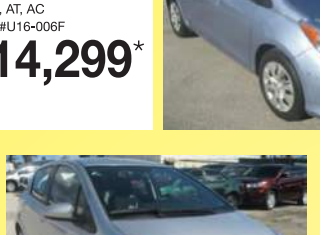

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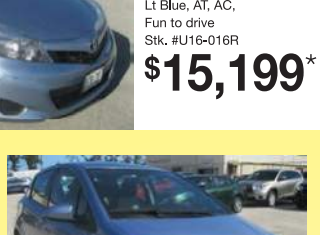

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Ogumoro is Avionics Marine of the Year

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Staff Sgt. Juan Ogumoro, center, is this year's Paul G. Vess Professional Achievement Award given by the Marine Corps Aviation Association during the 45th Annual MCAA Symposium/Marine Aviation Summit last month in New Bern, North Carolina.

The Marine Corps Aviation Association named CNMI Staff Sgt. Juan Ogumoro the Avionics Marine of the Year during the 45th Annual MCAA Symposium/Marine Aviation Summit last month in New Bern, North Carolina. The event was held from May 16 to 21.

Ogumoro received the Paul G. Vess Professional Achievement Award, which was established in honor of the former Master Gunnery Sergeant who served with distinction for over 30 years for the most outstanding contribution by an electronics technician.

MCAA recognized Ogumoro's professional achievement in performing his duties as flight control/electrical/instrument system work center staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 39.

"During this period, SSgt. Ogumoro performed his duties in a highly professional manner and distinguished himself as the most valuable avionics Marine. His tireless work ethic and brilliant technical knowledge in the avionics field have set the standard for all to emulate," said MCAA.

"His flawless management of flight control, electrical, and instrument systems enhanced the proficiency of the avionics Marines and the readiness of the flying squadrons."

MCAA added that Ogumoro used his technical skills, expertise, and awareness of highly capable maintenance interdiction of AH-1W turret control assemblies saving the Marine Aircraft Group 39 of repair costs amounting to $592,758 last year.

MCAA said Ogumoro's abilities, initiative, and loyalty to duty "reflect credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service." ***(Jon Perez)***

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To become a licensed nurse, candidates in the CNMI and in the U.S. mainland must first pass the NCLEX. To qualify for the course, students must have earned at least an associate's degree in nursing. The deadline to enroll in this NCLEX-RN Preparatory Course is Friday, June 17, 2016 by 4pm.

The CNMI AHEC will subsidize this preparatory course for those who are residents of the CNMI (i.e. United States citizens and U.S. Green Card holders). Due to limited funding, the subsidy will be awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis. For those who do not qualify for a subsidy, the cost for the course is $470. Students must submit a copy of their highest nursing degree and a valid, government-issued, photo ID (i.e. passport, driver's license, mayor's ID, etc.) for verification upon registration.

Course schedule:

- June 17, 2016 to July 30, 2016
- Fridays from 5:30pm to 8pm (2.5 hours)
- Saturdays from 1pm to 4pm (3 hours)
- Contact hours: 42

To register, students can visit the CDI office in Building P at the NMC Saipan campus, or contact Queanna Sablan, AHEC Program Manager, by phone at (670) 237-6809 or by email at queanna.sablan@marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

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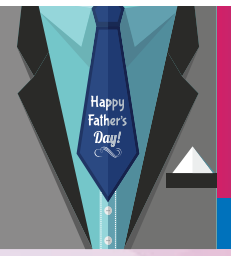

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Hiring the right solar energy company

By PHIL YORIO
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A solar energy system can work well and pay for itself over time, if installed correctly or even better financed with a power purchase agreement where you are not responsible for the system for the term of the contract. But there are many factors that homeowners and businesses need to consider when choosing a solar contractor. Choosing a contractor who is knowledgeable and trustworthy while educating yourself will avoid any unwanted experiences and I cannot stress that enough educating yourself, the contractor should take the time to educate you on this new system and if contracted through a PPA, everything that you should know regarding this structure.

When selecting a contractor or company to be your solar energy installer make sure the contractor has experience in the same type of installation you are looking to install. The quality of the workmanship you are seeking is important to selecting a contractor. Being clear on the quality you are receiving for the price is critical, or if you are going to install your system under a PPA structure make sure the contractor is just not a sales person but also will complete the installation and will be around for the term of the contract for the maintenance of the system.

Your contractor or installer should be a solar contractor who has been in business or in the solar industry for a while who will understand how to work with customers and compete effectively with other firms. They would be very knowledgeable of products as well as latest codes and permitting issues surrounding the installation of PV Systems.

Make sure the contractor is properly licensed and has the appropriate insurances. Ask to see a copy or contact the contractor's license. Contractors maintaining worker's compensation insurance will protect the homeowner from possibly paying medical and legal bills of an injured worker during construction. Also it's a good idea to make sure that the contractor does not have any liens, complaints, or lawsuits against them.

Check if there are any verification of complaints filed and the nature the complaints that were filed and if the complaint was resolved. For example, failure to complete the project on time and inadequate workmanship. Even good contractors have complaints but important to remember how they are handle!

Does the contractor have references? Ask the contractor for contact information or review their online testimonials. A contractor who does quality work will be happy to provide references.

Know your contract and solar installation. Read the proposed contract and make sure it reflects what the contractor will do and will not do. It should reflect everything that you have understood the agreement to be. You will also want to see what the warranties are. Panels are usually warranted for 25 years or more and the inverters are typically warranted for 10 years.

Also understand what amount of solar energy is offsetting your utility bill. A good estimate on the system will consist of reviewing your last 12 months of consumption in comparison to what the solar system will produce here in Saipan. Saipan is different in what a solar system will produce in say Arizona or Hawaii. For a residential system a basic monitoring system will be able to verify what your system is producing. In a Power Purchasing Agreement or a larger system, a more detailed revenue grade monitoring system will need to be installed.

A shading analysis is a must on solar energy systems too many times have I seen installations being placed with trees, parapet walls or other buildings shading out the systems. A qualified solar installer will have a shading analysis tool and give you the reports as part of the proposal to verify that you are in the range of a worry free, solar energy producing generation plant.

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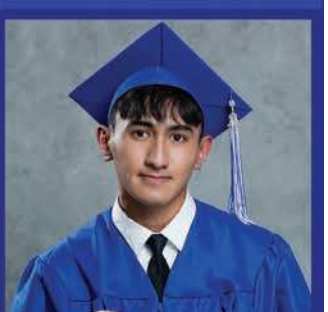
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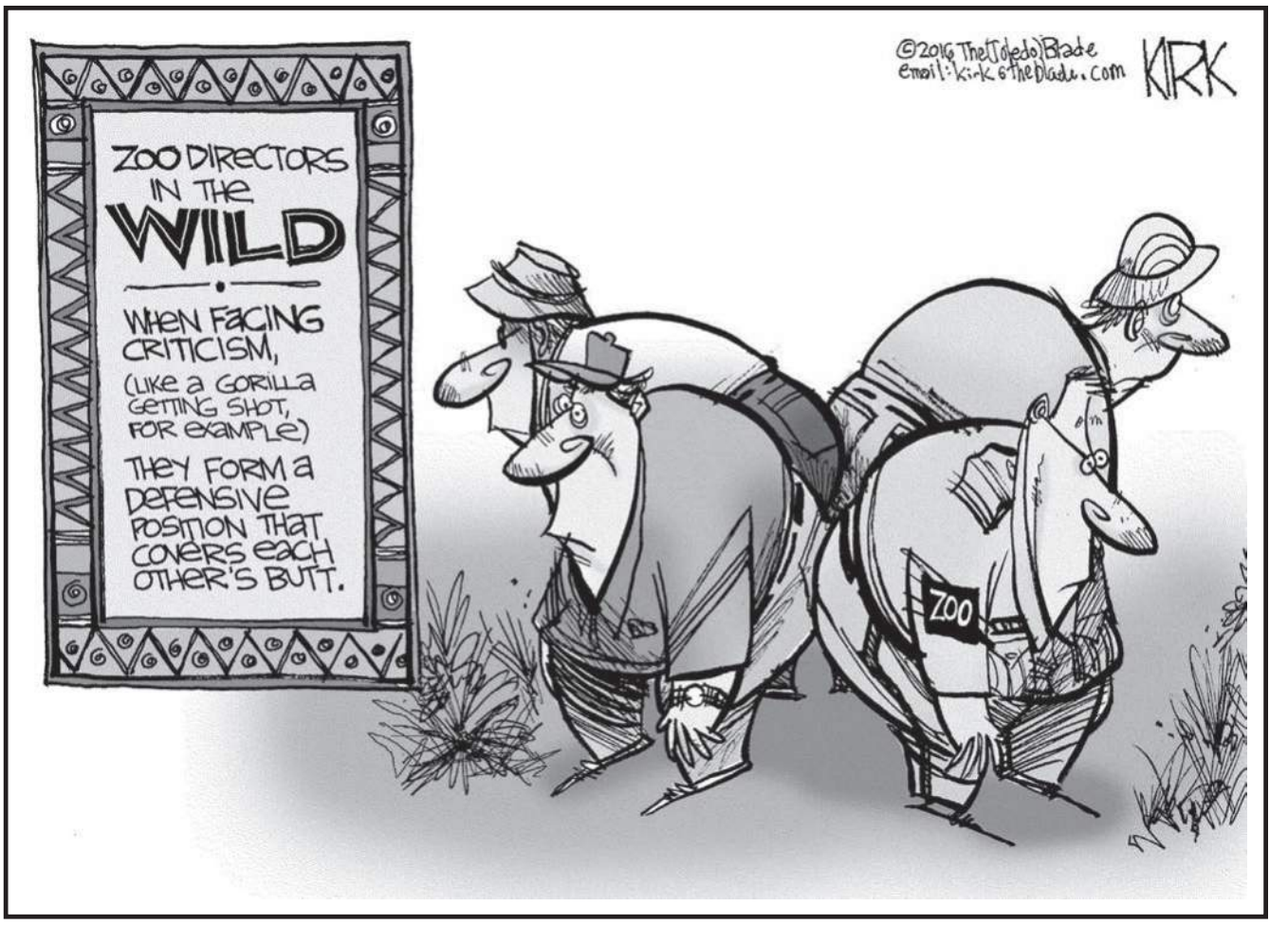
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EDITORIAL

Migrants in peril: Innocents are drowning because wars are raging

The mixed picture that migration from war-torn and economically challenged parts of the Middle East and Africa into Europe presents must be of concern to Americans as well as to Europeans.

There has been a slight shift. It was the case that the flow of migrants from war-ridden countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Yemen through Turkey into Europe through Greece was the primary problem. The Europeans found the magnitude of the flow hard to absorb and beginning to create understandable political resistance to refugees at home, even in prosperous Germany.

Facing that challenge, the Europeans made something of a deal with Turkey. Turkey would absorb them to some extent, prevent them from setting sail across the Aegean Sea, and even take some of them back, in return for concessions on the European Union side, including visa-free travel for Turkish citizens in some of the European countries. That has seemed to be working, to some degree, to stifle migration from the east.

But now there is a new assault from the south, into Europe from North Africa. This time Libya, a previous offender, and Egypt, a new origin for migrants, appears to be allowing them to leave their shores in unseaworthy dinghies and other boats to cross the Mediterranean Sea toward Greece and Italy. Boats have capsized and many hundreds have died, their bodies washing up on shores or floating to the surface.

Some of the migrants are from previous common sources, poor Africans seeking work in Europe. Others are from troubled African countries such as Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia and South Sudan. More troubling, however, is the fact that more and more of the Mediterranean migrants are from war-torn countries to the east of Europe. These include Afghans, fleeing that country's decades-long wars, Iraqis who are still moving away from the disruptions caused there by the Sunni-Shiite conflict that has come in the wake of the American invasion in 2003, and Syrians trying to get away from that country's long civil war.

In other words, many of the new Mediterranean-route migrants have done an end run around the attempted European-Turkish solution to the problem.

It should be clear to America, one of the major actors in the Middle Eastern wars, that the only long-run solution to the migrant problem is peace in their countries of origin. Achieving that should be a major American foreign policy objective, through the rest of the administration of President Barack Obama and into the next round.

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FUCHS

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One of my first grade students at recess sheepishly tugged at me and led me to the front door wall where someone scribbled our title with a marker. I almost burst out laughing but I kept a straight face and looked straight at the girl who looked like she wore a halo over her head on good behavior.

"Someone wrote a bad word," she said. I had just taken over that week the sub-teaching of the class; the first teacher who had her heart on the group and the task had to leave to follow her husband. The new graduate young replacement decided that she signed up for the wrong profession. She lasted two weeks. So 23 kids were dispersed to the four other classes until I came along.

"Someone is f-----g messed up," I began on my assault on cussing in class, all to the chagrin if not feigned horror of those who heard a teacher pronounce the f-word". "S/he can't spell, either," I added. Some members of the class are "hypocrites," for I heard the f-word and the s-word used not infrequently in the yard when the children played. I told them that I lived in Obama's Chicago for a decade—the West, South, and North sides, and there were folks out there who could not utter a sentence without using both f-and-s-words every other phrase.

Over the local radio that morning on the drive over to school, a rapper used the word several times in his song. So what was the big deal other than someone gaining points with a teacher for tattle telling on another?

I pointed them back to the first day when we affirmed how everyone was conceived "winners" and "free", the import leaves everything else a footnote. I've written enough about these two biological realities that it really would be redundant to tell it again, but not everyone follow our musing, so here goes one more time.

When Mama and Papa in their private bedroom share affectionate embraces at certain times of the month, Papa gifts Mama a minimum of 200 million sperms that swarm to Mama's ripen egg. The first sperm arrival do not automatically penetrate the shell; the egg chooses who comes through its thick protective wall and when she does, in the union of a sperm and an egg cell marks the beginning of everyone's journey into life. At conception, one is thereby a winner and free!

So far so good until one knowledgeable one said, "He is talking of sex." The three-letter word was all it took to trigger everyone's images of e-e-e-k displeasure. The giggles ensued, and the moralistic "ooohs" and "aaahs" took over.

When decorum was established, the class quieted down, and without distinguishing the literal meaning and the emotive intent of the utterances, I told the class that the teacher would warn the class if Mr. V were ready to use the f-word. He would be angry, for the class would have crossed the limit of acceptable behavior.

One of the students is a child of a teacher's aide so I wondered how my "indiscretion" would be reported. It did not go well, not so much that the teacher was a muddy feet ogre as that the children took the occasion as permission-giving for them to be liberal with their use of cuss words. They already took to the use of the middle finger after we named the parts of the hand in our exercise of the parts of our bodies.

An additional context was that Mr. V designed the curriculum so that the Standard Core components were addressed but the manner of teaching was dissimilar from their previous teachers. So it did not take long for my supervisor to ask if I was teaching the prescribed PSS curriculum. (That subject and conversation is for another telling.)

Our concern was the utterance of the f-word and in my assessment meeting with the supervisors, I was informed that my use of the f-word, reported to be frequent, had to stop. I had no defense; I was guilty as charged. (Well, not exactly, but that's a separate telling.)

Seriously, the f-word is so universally used, even by first graders that daily, someone comes over to report that so-and-so called her so-and-so. My favorite is a young girl called by a male classmate that she was a b-i-t-c-h. So I explained to her about the female dog in heat, and told her that the next time someone calls her that word, just say, "No, thank you, but you are not my type!" Defang and demystify the word so it loses its traditional deprecatory meaning.

The use of the f-word et al, is actually more of an exercise at rebellion rather than the actual derogatory intent of the words when used by adults. The young wags just let loose words that signify displeasure without understanding their literal meanings.

Some of those of Philippine descent, for instance, use Pinoy cuss words, the most famous being that of the "mother as a prostitute", which the children do not associate with the ladies of the night roaming Plaza de Marianas in the shadows. But they use the phrase as a "putdown" on someone who has gained one's disapproval.

All these reflection just because of a popularly uttered word misspelled on the wall!

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Ed's modern bakery

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Here's how disorganized I am: I went to the garage to find an oil filter for my car, but I wound up finding a bread-making machine instead. Looking at the bright side of things, I realized that this discovery had all the hallmarks of adventure.

Brighter still, it was an excuse to retreat to an air-conditioned kitchen. I unboxed the machine and noticed that it was made by Zojirushi. You're probably familiar with the brand. It's well-represented on Saipan kitchens because of its line of rice cookers. I hope you don't have any questions along those lines, though, because I've just told you everything I know about cooking.

But I'm not as clueless when it comes to machinery. This introduced something of a riddle: Is using a machine to bake bread an act of baking, or is it an act of machine operating?

The closer the answer was to the latter option, the more chance I had of being able to use this thing. It was about the size of a laser printer. It came with a thorough set of written instructions and some bread recipes.

It also included video instructions. When I say video, I mean a VHS cassette. This gives you some idea just how long this unopened box had been sitting, entirely undiscovered, in the garage.

Anyway, the concept seemed simple enough: You put some ingredients into the machine, push a button, and, presto, 3 hours and 50 minutes later, you'll have a 2-lb loaf of bread.

Most people probably have some idea of what goes into bread. Me? No clue. Basic white bread, as the recipe revealed, is made of flour, water, dried milk, butter, sugar, salt, and yeast.

Well, that seemed simple enough. So I went to the store, rounded up the stuff, got back home, plopped it into the machine, and pushed the button. The timer registered 3:50 to mark the start of its countdown.

So I had a few hours to wonder if this promise was too good to be true. Could it be that, after all these years, I'd finally be able to produce something edible? On one hand, the dead judgment of long experience weighed against this possibility. On the other hand, Zojirushi is a name to be reckoned with.

Meanwhile, I read a little bit about yeast. It turns out that yeast is a fungus.

Fungus! When did they discover that? This was big news.

So I called a couple of pals and asked them if they knew that some common foods have fungus in them. They said, uh, no, they didn't know that, but thanks for sharing. And then, thinking ahead, I asked if they'd like to come over for some food in, say, 3 hours and 11 minutes. They both declined. Weird.

Even though my friends were snubbing me, the bread machine was showing some action and making some mechanical sounds. Through the window at the top of the machine I could see the dough glopping around in circles. It was impelled by a spinning paddle at the bottom of the machine. This was the kneading.

A glance at the manual revealed that over the course of the entire process, the machine would have three cycles for the bread to rise. Rising dough was no small event when I was a kid. Mom would put it in a bowl and cover it with a cloth and she'd get cranky if we messed with it which, of course, we always did.

Those halcyon days are apparently eclipsed by automation. No bowl. No cloth. No howling kids messing things up. These days, Mom could mix herself an Old Fashioned and relax; after all, what could happen to an Old Fashioned, or to dough that's safely ensconced inside a bread machine?

Ah, yes, what could happen indeed? That's the big question here, isn't it? I was about to find out the answer. A beeper sounded. The time was up. The moment of truth had arrived.

I opened up the machine. And there it was: a perfectly-formed loaf of bread. It even had a nice golden crust.

Just to prove that the first time wasn't a lark, I followed up the next day with a loaf of French bread. Same results. A perfect loaf.

Although the bread was certainly tasty, and it was nifty to be able to make it at will, it occurred to me that I don't eat bread every day, or even on most days. So, while the experiment was a success, the success didn't really change things much around here.

So things are back to normal now. For lunch I had, as usual, noodles. The garage is still a mess. The car still needs its oil changed and I still can't find the filter.

About the only thing that has changed is that I now have a stash of yeast in the cupboard.

Hey, it's really fungus, by the way. Some people don't even know that. Ha!

Absence of a mandate

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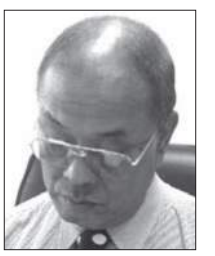

After an election, most folks have an idea who won the contest. Analysts pull their calculators crunching numbers to figure out percentage points garnered to determine if in fact the leading candidate has secured the "mandate" of the people.

In viewing the issue from the standpoint of the "people's mandate" one doesn't exist given the political expediency with which the issue was exploited or ignored here.

From the outset, the NMI erred on the ascendancy issue when former lieutenant governor Tim Villagomez stepped down in recent years. Convicted former governor Benigno Fitial appointed the late Eulogio Inos as his lieutenant. Such action completely ignored constitutionally provided ascendancy of the Senate president. Fitial trashed this provision of the constitution.

Ascendancy occurred while the requirement to call for a special election was ignored. There's a consistent acquiescence of constitutional violations. Isn't legal impropriety obvious in this case? Could constitutional legal eagles please help me understand it once and for all?

Fitial resigned before his court adjudicated conviction. The late Inos moved up as "acting" governor, while then-Senate president Jude Hofschneider ascended second in command. Inos also failed calling for a special election. When he died, Ralph DLG Torres, who was his running mate when he won as governor, moved up as "acting" governor and he too failed to call for a special election. Nobody cared about the constitutional requirement after ascendancy. The boys drooling for greed and power resorted to histrionics.

No mandate: Guess what? We now have two people at the helm governing without a mandate from "we the people." In the absence of a mandate how would the alleged governor and lieutenant governor know the instructions of the majority of the people? Circumstance piled by ignoring the mandates of the constitution for a special election isn't a mandate but another legal impropriety. A disputable legal opinion from the AG isn't a mandate either!

Definitely, "mandate" is not a legal term nor is it just a figment of political rhetoric. None of the two shipwrecks ever won a mandate nor did the ascendancy ignoring the call for a special election an excuse to lamely claim one. A vacuous mandate is what the NMI has that ignores the right of "we the people" to be heard in terms of instructions relating to their concerns. Unless a mandated is under your belt, there's no room to work on policies to adhere to the will of the people.

The book "Presidential Mandates" discusses how elections shape policies. The author Patricia Conley writes, "Mandates imply that politicians receive direction from the voters who elected them…" Were Torres and Hokog elected?

A mandate is a command given by the voters that basically tells you of their problems and concerns. "Knowledge, in this context, would have to assume a deep understanding of the reasoning that went into every vote…" But without a mandate how do you govern in a vacuum?

In our case Torres and Hokog were never elected but superficially ascended into a post that definitely requires a mandate from "we the people". When do we ever learn?

Protecting self-government

Recently, I used the Tenth Amendment of the US Constitution to reflect what essentially would be the work product of the 902 Entourage. It's supposed to deal with the application or non-application of federal laws in the NMI provided the U.S. Congress approves it. Perhaps my explanation was blurred. Sorry!

While the 902 may be well intentioned, it's also the longest path to guarding against the unintended violation of self-government here. Thus the need to push for the application of the Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to guard the feds from any arbitrary imposition of destructive policies.

In short, what authority isn't granted the feds by the NMI is solely the NMI's. This provision would shrink its tentacles to D.C. only. This paradigm makes sense and eliminates the need for unnecessary legal feud. A good example is Mr. O's transgender or Toiletarian Authority that infringes and forces states to build a third restroom or dictation from Queen Michelle on food for our children. Neither of these folks is paying for it thus a matter only the states could decide. Obama would leave behind a legacy of intrusion!

The benefits of the Tenth Amendment are significant. It grants the NMI the opportunity to building strong governance. And the only way to do it is from the standpoint of greater role in self-government. The old colonial mindset of dictation is already outmoded. It may be unprecedented (protection under the 10th Amendment) but we should encourage Kilili to venture its introduction. The long-term benefits are greater!

Though political maturity has gone past its embryonic stage it would eventually take a strong hold among the voters. I've seen how they booted an entire legislature in recent past and the impeachment of a governor who was subsequently convicted of fiduciary failure. Let the process take its permanent seat among the voters. After all, it's all about "we the people."

Lighter side: The 902 DC trip comically started with worries about what blazers, ties and high heels to wear to impress the other side that we're up to par with our wardrobes. Don't you think DC knows that we still shop at Sears and Roebuck or JC Penny for our ties, high heels and blazers?

Anyway, how does the indigenous people benefit from this trip when it focuses on providing more jobs for foreigners? Isn't Uncle Sam showing us how disoriented we are in terms of need we've never seen fit to plan for? You failed the future multi-financial assistance issue. How then do we pay for the emplacement of direly needed basic infrastructure?

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Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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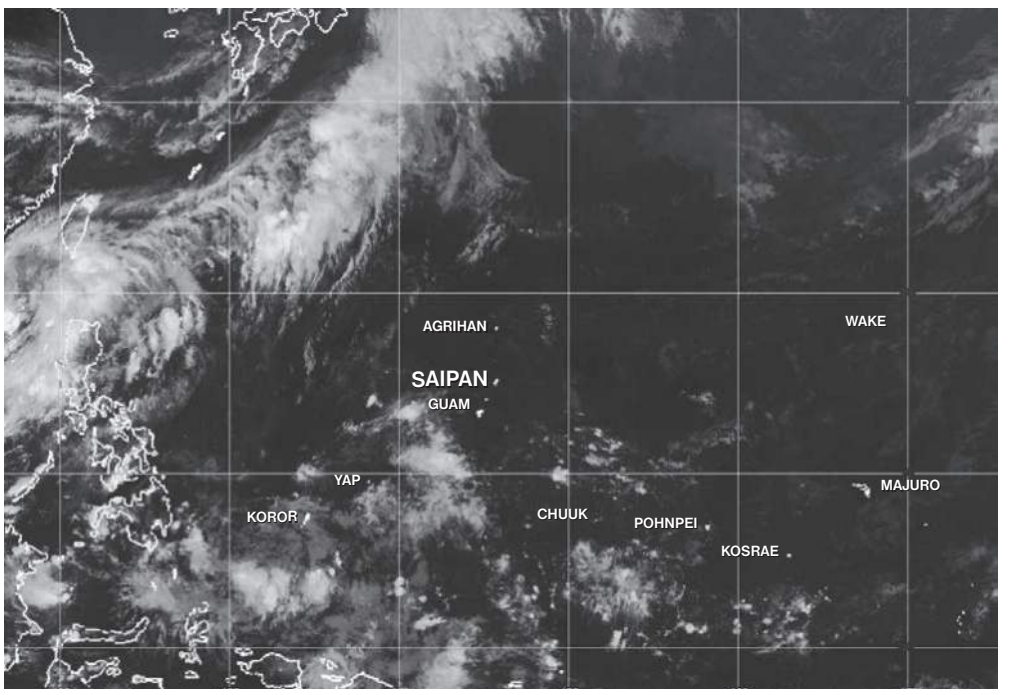
Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front is just southeast of Okinawa with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms along and up to 400 miles northwest of a line from 25N137E to 20N130E. A near-equatorial trough runs southeastward from 9N130E through a weak circulation centered just south of Koror at 5N135E ending at about 1N143E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are in patchy areas southwest of a line from 7N131E to 4N136E. Trade-wind convergence is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Yap within 75 miles of a line from 12N141E to 7N143E and southeast of Chuuk between 6N and 3N from 152E to 157E and near Pohnpei within 40 miles of 6N158E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲92	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲67	▼55
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲90	▼67
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼81
Honolulu	Showers	▲83	▼72
London	Showers	▲72	▼54
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼62
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲60	▼46
Miami	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼76
New York	Sunny	▲74	▼56
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼70
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲74	▼60
Pusan	Sunny	▲78	▼62
Rome	Showers	▲80	▼63
Salem	Cloudy	▲65	▼49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼51
Seoul	Sunny	▲89	▼66
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼66
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲80	▼58

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Saipan Harbor

1:10 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
7:07 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
11:35 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
6:52 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:28 AM	11:16 PM
Saturday	11:19 AM	11:57 PM
Sunday	12:08 PM	
Monday	12:56 PM	12:37 AM
Tuesday	1:42 PM	1:15 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
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11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Hocog declares Men's Health Week

In observance of the week ending on Father's Day, acting governor Victor Hocog is encouraging all men in the CNMI to become more aware of their health needs. He proclaimed June 13 to 19 was declared Men's Health Week.

Men's Health Week began in 1994 after the U.S. Congress passed Bob Dole's bill and was signed by President Bill Clinton on May 31, 1994.

"This week is a time for the public to recognize the health needs of men and boys. Increasing the awareness of men's health is an extremely important issue not just for men, but also for women and families," said Hocog.

"Preventing health problems and early detection can improve our nation's health, save on healthcare expenses, and promote healthier families," he added.

Men's Health Week is recognized nationwide because of its impact on wives, mothers, daughters and the family as a whole.

Hocog said fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier and healthier families.

The CNMI Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, mental health, and prostate, testicular, and colon cancer.

"All CNMI men are encouraged to increase their awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, get regular exercise, and medical checkups," he said.

Everyone that will be participating in the weeklong men's health event next week are encouraged to wear blue.

To show your support, add the Office of the Press Secretary on Facebook and post a photo of important men in your life wearing blue.

For more information, log onto www.menshealthweek.org or www.wearblueformenshealth.com. ***(PR)***

MP United yard sale this Sunday

MP United Football Club will hold a yard sale on Sunday, June 12, from 7am to 12pm on Beach Road (parking lot next to the Marianas Visitors Authority office). We have clothes, toys, shoes, bikes, furniture, fixtures, adult and children books, and many more. ***(PR)***

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Motheread/Fatheread holds 6 completion ceremonies

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The CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Family Literacy Program San Vicente Elementary School completion ceremony for spring 2016.

Summer is here, and CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Family Literacy Program would love to celebrate all our successes with you! May was abuzz with six CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Family Literacy Program completion ceremonies at our Saipan elementary schools. Here is a recap of the exciting events:

■ Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, May 16, 2016 (Parent Trainer Maria Athens Amaro). Nine parents participated: Kalsina Eleisar, Ann Janine A. Romero, Corazon Loveras, Mary Jo Sablan, Joann Villagomez, Stephen Jessy, Carla Naog, Chris Camacho, and Lenela Repeki. Nine children participated in the Story Exploring Class (Instructors Hilma Castro and Evangeline Espanola): Danilo Bumacod, Awillisorr (Awi) Iguel, Kalei Iguel, James Loveras, Justin Loveras, Jasmine Romero, Izaih Villagomez, Uriel Repeki, and Cherish Tangay.

■ Oleai Elementary School, May 23, 2016 (Parent Trainer Celina Foreman & Leora Lynn Terlaje). A total of 14 parents participated: Sharon Kaipat, Peter Teigita, Bhelle Concepcion, Claire Maratita, David R. Maratita, Ann Regine Vanessa A. Valencia, Elizabeth Tomokane, David T. Chargualaf, Jack L. Ruben, Younju Kim, Hermina Mettao, Charlyn Francisco, Carla C. Naog, and Chris C. Camacho. A total of 14 children participated in the Story Exploring Class (Story Exploring Instructor Joelyn Varon): Elena Teigita, Collin Maratita, Elisha Teigita, Joaquin Ruben, Michiko Ruben, Simion Tagabuel, Kaedee Celene Valencia, Cherish Naog, Yoon Seo Ha, Devenie Denise Mettao, Syra Argana, Andresina Santos, Arsyni Tagabuel, and Bill John Tagabuel.

■ San Vicente Elementary School, May 26, 2016 (Parent Trainers Rita Demapan and Beth Demapan). A total of 14 parents participated: Virginia Reyes, Palik Thomson, Cecilia Repeki, Joelyn Magofna, Chris Camacho, Carla Naog, Sayuri P.Lisua, Ayessa Tereyama, Tara White, Abelardo M. Magno, Cerila McDowell, Mona V. Magno, Anne Marie D. Navarrete and Adora Samson. A total of 20 children participated in the Story Exploring Class facilitated by Story Exploring Instructor Ignacia Reyes. The children who participated are as follows: Kyrie Ann Cepeda, Adrianne Magno, Elikristiana Iglesias, Joylyn Pallikun Thomson, Abraham Sablan, Alfonso Sablan, William Lieto, Wynona L. Blas, Manuela Grace Magofna, Scott Iglecias, Malia Rayphand, Jude Rayphand, Kayu Reyes, Rio Reyes, Jacqueline Cepeda, Patricia Blas, Justin Afable, Chrish Nicole, Esabelle Mateo, and Renato Abubo.

■ Garapan Elementary School, May 25, 2016 (Parent Trainers Angela Wheat and Celina Foreman): A total of 14 parents participated: Geraldine S. Borja, Loly Ledesma, Ma. Isabel Dysangco, Joyce Nimwes, Meyther Cervantes, Meihua Rengiil, Arnulfo S. Puno, Su Boon Chang, Aura Aleli Simbulan, Flordeliza Moscoso, Mary Jane C. Montano, Noel Martinez, Raynna O. Mality, Ilene Muna, and Noel Simbulan. Parent Trainers Angela Wheat and Celina Foreman facilitated the Americorps class with seven Americorps students participating: Diana Lopera, Jasmine Gortayo, Eloise Lopez, Rita Lifoifoi, Rumina Litulumar, Edna Grace Nisola, and Josiah Pacala. A total of 22 children participated in the Story Exploring Class facilitated by Story Exploring Instructor Evangeline Espanola. The children who participated are as follows: Masaky Sallem, Masaioshy Sallem, Rayjay Mality, Joefina Mality, Telinamae Mality, Losau Mality, Paul Sam Paulis, Rina Rengiil, Ria Rengiil, JD Ryle Moscoso, Marlin Chang, Hong Yu Lai, Daryl Josiah Ray Songsong, Nicky Abigail Simbulan, Janvir M. Castaneda, Alexandria Ysabelle Dysangco, Sylvia Sanchez, Reyanah Castillo, James Castillo, Esther Castillo, Talyhtha Nimwes, and Christian Joy.

■ William S. Reyes Elementary School, May 25, 2016 (Parent Trainers SR. Stella Mangona and Bryan Manabat). A total of 14 parents participated: Antonina Datios, Freddy Peter, Teddy Andulan, Yan Long Yu, Charlyn M, Francisco, Zhou Yuling, Edilwisa S. Viana, Elden H. Buhay, Eden M. Aguon, Edna P. Aureo, Maria Teresa Mercader, Enhua Palacios, He Mei Feng, and Naomi Cayetano. A total of 16 children participated in the Story Exploring Class facilitated by Story Exploring Instructor Margarita Sugaste The children who participated are as follows: Devin Palacios, Francis Phillip Andulan, Oriah Valentine, Wei Sheng Yu, Xiang Quan Yu, Neil Aureo, Edgardo Severin S. Palma Jr., Syra Argana, Edison Jay Viana, Kemuel V. Cayetano, Winnie Wu, Andy Wu, Andfrena Fred, Uzziel Cayetano, James Mercader, and Annie Hu.

■ Koblerville Elementary School, May 31, 2016 (Parent trainer Sandra Satur, Gloria Kaipat, and Viola Deleon Guerrero). Eight parents participated: Mary Rabauliman, Amaleene Ramos, Shawn Fleming, Asuncion S. Ludwig, Concesa Angeles, Gita Kundu, Priscila Dulay, and Aktar Lateur. A total of 14 children participated in the Story Exploring Class facilitated by Story Exploring Instructor Ignacia Reyes. The children who participated are as follows: Ocean Kundu, Tenrina Aiten, Brytenia Aiten, Jezziebelle Rabauliman, Hilary Christopher, Raison Christopher, Eka Rabauliman, Susona Shakh, Suborna Shakh, Honofre Tangi, Therence Jay Tangi, Alfeo Ramos, Mark Phillip Angeles, and Issa Marie Angeles

Six elementary schools participated this springtime: Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Oleai Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, and Koblerville Elementary School. A grand total of 66 parents and 81 children were given the gift of family literacy! Hip, hip, hooray, CNMI! A great big thank you and un dangkulu na si Yu'us må'åse to all our Saipan sponsors for their generous contributions and to the Northern Marianas Humanities Council for making all these prespringtime events possible. Thank you to the following individuals/schools who assisted with certificates and awarding: Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, GTC administration, vice principal Melisa Mendez, Northern Marianas Humanities Council Program manager Eulalia V. Arriola, parent trainer Rita Demapan; Oleai Elementary School, OES administration, vice principal Shawn San Nicolas, and Americorps volunteers; San Vicente Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, SVES administration, SVES principal Paulette Sablan, SVES counselor Tara White; William S. Reyes Elementary School, WSRES administration, and WSRES vice principal Marji Pangelinan; Garapan Elementary School; GES administration; and Koblerville Elementary School, KOES principal Rizalina Liwag, and KOES librarian Shawn Fleming. Thank you all! It truly takes a village to make our CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Family Literacy Program a success!

This summer a financial literacy class is scheduled to be held at the Joeten-Kyu Public Library either June or July. Stay tuned! If you were not able to attend our previous classes, then it is not too late! We are offering the following class schedule for the CNMI Youth Centers and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library this summer. Families are welcome to join and children ages 4 years old to 11 years old may participate in the Story Exploring Class. (Note: Motheread/Fatheread Joeten-Kiyu Public Library classes are ADULTS ONLY sessions):

■ Koblerville Youth Learning Center (June 7, 2016 through July 26, 2016): Tuesdays, 10am to 11:30am.

■ Gualo Rai Youth Center (June 7, 2016 through July 26, 2016): Tuesdays, 10am to 11:30am.

■ Garapan Community Development Center (June 8, 2016 through July 27, 2016): Tuesdays, 10:30am to noon.

■ Tanapag Youth Center (June 9, 2016 through July 28, 2016): Thursdays, noon to 1:30pm.

■ Kagman Community Center (June 9, 2016 through July 28, 2016): Thursdays, noon to 1:30pm.

■ Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (June 14, 2016 through July 7, 2016): Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am to 10:30am.

■ Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Basic Chamorro Class (July 5, 2016 through July 28, 2016): Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Motheread Inc. is a nationally acclaimed private, non-profit organization that combines the teaching of literacy skills with child development and family empowerment issues. Parents and children learn to use the power of language to discover more about themselves their families, and their communities.

Motheread offers classes for both the adults and children. In adult classes, participants learn to be story readers, writers, and tellers in a group structure that supports their own sense of worth and ability. These classes are appropriate for all adults, regardless of reading ability or prior educational experience. By teaching the "why" of reading rather than just emphasizing the "how," classes encourage parents to be reading role models for their children. For children, Story Exploring provides a structured environment for learning reading, critical-thinking, and problem solving skills. CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Family Literacy Program is administered by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and is conveniently located in the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

Schedules for interested private schools and organizations/agencies could be arranged by contacting Viola Deleon Guerrero, Beth Demapan, or Bryan Manabat at 235-7319/989-8542/783-7678 or e-mail: cnmimothereadfatheread@gmail.com or visit our website athttps://sites.google.com/site/cnmimothereadfatheread/. ***(PR)***

Kim-Tenorio is keynote speaker of MCS graduation ceremony

Mount Carmel School announced that the keynote speaker for its 2016 high school commencement exercises will be Supeiror Court Associate Judge Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio. The exercises are set for Saturday, June 11, at 5pm at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

As is done every year, the school's graduating seniors discussed several candidates before nominating their preferred commencement speaker. This year, the seniors nominated Kim-Tenorio, which the school administration then approved.

Asked about how she feels being selected, Kim-Tenorio said she was honored because, as she put it, "This group of graduates is driven and have accomplished much already." Hinting at what her message will be, she added, "I hope to inspire them to be productive members of society; to discover who they are and use those talents to give back and make their mark in the world."

School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero looks forward to Kim-Tenorio's speech. He said, "Not only are we happy that the seniors selected someone of such high caliber, but we are honored that Kim-Tenorio has agreed to deliver the keynote address." He added, "Given her impressive experience and deep commitment to our community, we trust that she will impart inspiring words of wisdom for our graduates."

Kim-Tenorio

Kim-Tenorio has long valued education and the law. In 1997, she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In May of 2001, she graduated from New England School of Law with her Juris Doctor degree and is licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.

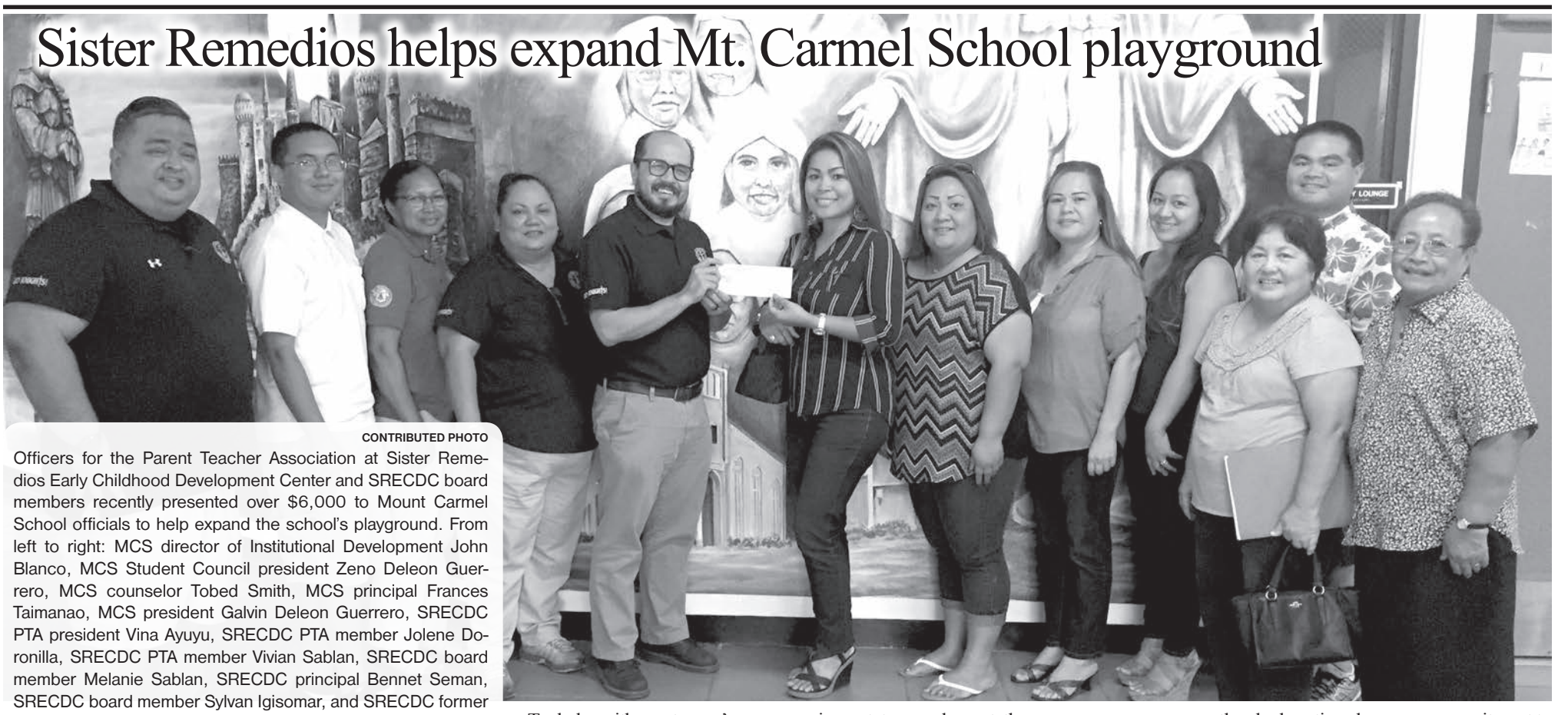
Kim-Tenorio has also distinguished herself as a public servant in numerous capacities. She served as legal counsel for the CNMI Lieutenant Governor, the CNMI Legislature, and was also in private practice, a record that paved the way for her role as legal counsel for then governor Eloy S. Inos.

In 2013, she was nominated by Inos and confirmed by the CNMI Senate to serve as an associate judge to the CNMI Superior Court, where she has further distinguished herself in several ways. In 2015, Kim-Tenorio actively participated alongside other justice professionals in the implementation of the first-ever Drug Court program in the CNMI, which will oversee the program as the initial Drug Court judge next month. And, earlier this year, Kim-Tenorio was appointed by United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas to serve as a designated judge in the District Court in the District of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Kim-Tenorio has also given back to her community ten-fold. She served a board member for the NMI chapter of the American Red Cross for almost nine years, an officer for the Marianas High School's Parent Teacher Association, and a coordinator on the CNMI High School Mock Trial competition. She has also been a trustee for the NMI Judiciary Historical Society since 2005.

Kim-Tenorio is married to Perry Tenrio and the mother of four kids, Justis, Sunho, Pedro, and Sunjoon. ***(PR)***

Sister Remedios helps expand Mt. Carmel School playground



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Officers for the Parent Teacher Association at Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center and SRECDC board members recently presented over $6,000 to Mount Carmel School officials to help expand the school's playground. From left to right: MCS director of Institutional Development John Blanco, MCS Student Council president Zeno Deleon Guerrero, MCS counselor Tobed Smith, MCS principal Frances Taimanao, MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, SRECDC PTA president Vina Ayuyu, SRECDC PTA member Jolene Doronilla, SRECDC PTA member Vivian Sablan, SRECDC board member Melanie Sablan, SRECDC principal Bennet Seman, SRECDC board member Sylvan Igisomar, and SRECDC former principal Sister Martha Ramarui.

To help with next year's relocation of Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center (to the Mount Carmel School campus, the SRECDC Parent-Teacher Association recently held a raffle to raise funds to help expand playground facilities at MCS.

The funds will be used to help relocate some playground equipment currently at SRECDC, but also to buy new equipment to supplement the playground started by MCS's 1993 and 1994 AlumKnights over the past few years. The SRECDC PTA raised over $6,000 for the effort, which they presented to MCS officials this past week.

According to SRECDC PTA president, Vina Ayuyu, "In our discussions about transitioning Sr. Remedios to Mount Carmel, one of our concerns was the lack of playground facilities. So we decided that the proceeds from our annual big fundraiser would go towards the costs of providing that playground for our students that will be coming here."

SRECDC principal Bennet Seman, added, "We are excited about this new relationship between Mount Carmel and Sr. Remedios, and this donation shows our commitment to working together."

MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero was very happy with the donation. He said, "Physical activity is so very important for students' growth and learning, so we really appreciate this help, as well as that of our 1993 and 1994 AlumKnights, to provide our students with a safe and fun place to play." ***(PR)***

Traditional healing featured on 'Your Humanities Half-Hour'

University of Guam professor Dr. Tricia A. Lizama will be the featured guest on this Sunday's 'Your Humanities Half-Hour' radio program.

Lizama

Lizama will talk about her documentary film, Åmot Para I Hinemlo'ta, which explores Chamorro traditional medicine and healing in the Mariana Islands.

The film examines the current state of this ancient cultural practice through interviews with knowledgeable practitioners on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian including the similarities and differences among the islands.

It also explores the challenges confronting the perpetuation of traditional healing and how it can be reinvigorated and perpetuated for the continuing benefit of the indigenous community.

Lizama, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing and Social Work at UOG, is a descendant of a traditional healer and a mother of six who has spent the past five years researching the subject. Her film project was supported by a Community Grant awarded by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council.

She is also the chair of Inetnon Yo'amte, an organization whose mission is to preserve, protect and perpetuate traditional Chamorro healing.

"Your Humanities Half-Hour," which airs each Sunday from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99, is hosted by Catherine R. Perry. ***(PR)***

Saipan celebrates 3rd Free Comic Book Day

Green Flash Comics and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library teamed up to hold the 3rd Free Comic Book Day on Saturday. JKPL will host the event from 9am to 11:30am before it moves to GFC's store at the Joeten Superstore (formerly Price Costco) from 12nn to 7pm.

There will also be a comic and Manga-themed art contest, which will incorporate elements of art education with visual arts and it will be open to all ages. JKPL's Collaborative Summer Library Programs and first-ever Magic: The Gathering Gaming Clinic will also take place.

Free comic books, along with other giveaways and promotional items, will be available for distribution at JKPL on Saturday where the pre-registration begins for the JKPL CSL Program will also be held.

A panel of judges will determine the top three art contest submissions. Prizes will be distributed to the top three winners.

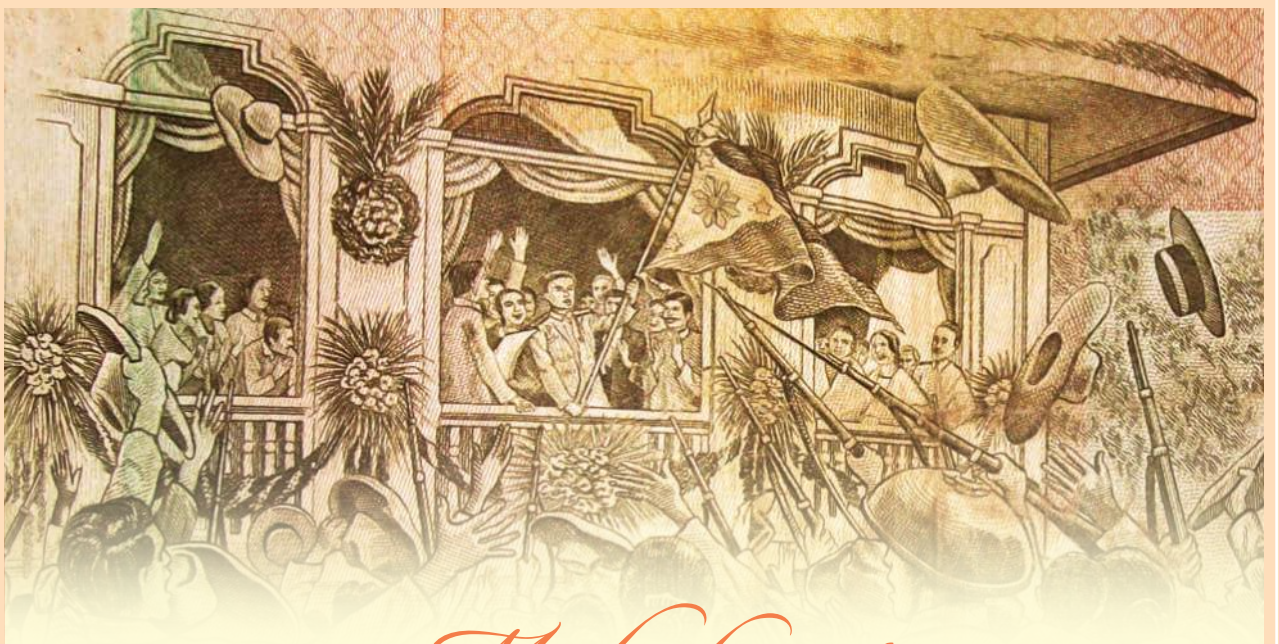
Only submission per person; art style is not limited to Manga; art style must be creature-themed, no humans; artwork must be hand-drawn on paper no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches; and completed original artwork must be submitted to JKPL no later than 5:30pm today are the guidelines for the Manga Art Contest.

The following information must also be printed legibly at the back of the artwork: artist's full name, library card number, village, and current school (if applicable).

Submissions will be posted on Facebook. Top selected winner will have a copy of their work posted in the library. Original work will be returned to owner.

The event is similar to the nationwide FCBD event that involves the entire comic book industry with the participation of direct market comic book retail stores.

Traditionally, the annual observance is held on May 4 in the mainland, but shipping delays have caused the observance in the CNMI to be scheduled for the second Saturday of June. ***(PR)***



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Military to conduct training at FDM, W-517

ASAN, Guam—The Air Force and Navy will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- June 13 from 11am to 4pm
- June 15 from 9am to 3pm
- June 16 from 11am to 3pm
- June 17 from 11am to 4pm

The Air Force and Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 June 14 from 11am to 3pm.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055. ***(PR)***

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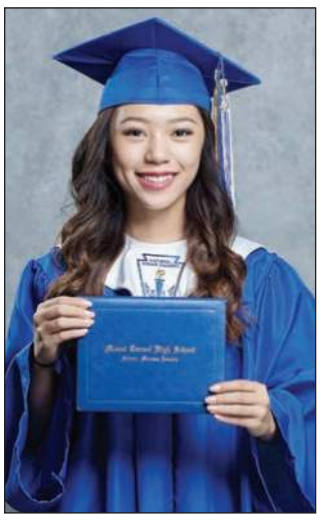

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure! Love, Enrico.

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US Coast Guard, Singapore partner to improve port security

SINGAPORE—A U.S. Coast Guard International Port Security team completed a bilateral engagement with the Republic of Singapore officials in May.

This engagement involved sharing best practices and visiting with representatives from the Maritime and Port Authority to observe the implementation of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code at two port facilities in Singapore: Marina Bay Cruise Center and Universal Terminals PTE Ltd.

"Everyone has security responsibilities in our global economy," said Cmdr. Bryson Spangler, ISPS Program liaison officer, U.S. Coast Guard Activities Far East Division. "The U.S. Coast Guard appreciates Singapore's invitation and their commitment to improving port security."

The Republic of Singapore became signatory to the ISPS Code in 2004. The ISPS Program seeks to facilitate secure maritime commerce globally and prevent transnational crime organizations and terrorist from exploiting the maritime domain.

The Republic of Singapore is the world's busiest transshipment hub, handling over 30 million containers from 600 ports across 120 countries with two percent of the containers bound for the United States. A vessel arrives or departs Singapore every 3 minutes.

The U.S. Coast Guard International Port Security program conducts an annual visit to assess the effectiveness of seaport anti-terrorism measures and provides recommendations to government officials to reduce the risk of a maritime security incidents and impacts to the global and regional supply chain. The ISPS program is designed to assist seaports overcome security challenges in a dynamic and ever changing threat environment.

In the Asia-Pacific region, the U.S. Coast Guard's Activities Far East unit coordinates with over 40 countries to execute these bilateral engagements. The U.S. Coast Guard is committed to promoting and facilitating safe and secure maritime trade. ***(PR)***

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LIBERATION FESTIVITIES
OPENING CEREMONY
Performances by CNMI Festpac Delegation
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6:00 p.m. POSTING OF COLORS - JROTC
6:10 p.m. SINGING OF U.S. NATIONAL ANTHEM
JJ Concepcion
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Marvin Guerrero
6:20 p.m. INVOCATION
Father Ryan Jimenez
6:25 p.m. WELCOME REMARKS
Christopher Leon Guerrero
Chairman, 2016 Liberation Day
6:30 p.m. BRIEF REMARKS
Honorable David M. Apatang
Mayor of Saipan
6:35 p.m. BRIEF REMARKS
Dr. Bo Hu
President, Skywalker Communications Group
6:40 p.m. 2016 LDF CANDIDATES INTRODUCTIONS
Mrs. Rose Ada-Hocog
Chairwoman, 2016 Royal Court
7:45 p.m. CEREMONIAL RIBBON-CUTTING
Opening of the Grounds
8:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS (OPENING NIGHT)
Louis Rodgers, President
Libertion Day Committee (Non-Profit Corporation)
Opening Night : June 10, 2016
Time : 6:00pm – 11:00pm
Location : Garapan Fishing Base

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Delta celebrates 27 years of service to Saipan

Delta Air Lines celebrates 27 years of service from Japan to Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, this month.

The anniversary was marked with special activities before Delta's flight to Saipan on June 1, 2016, from Narita International Airport. At the check-in counter, Saipan-da greeted and took photos with passengers. Following an announcement by the flight captain about the anniversary, Saipan-da also distributed Delta coloring books and crayons to all passengers.

"The Marianas Visitors Authority expresses our sincere appreciation to Delta Air Lines for their continued commitment to Saipan for nearly three decades now," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Delta is very much our lifeline for maintaining the Japan market for the Northern Marianas, and the importance of our partnership cannot be overstated. We congratulate Delta on their 27th anniversary of service to Saipan, and the MVA will continue to actively work with Delta to continue this service."

Following a December 2016 meeting between Delta, the CNMI Office of the Governor, MVA, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Japan Saipan Travel Association, a series of FAM tours have been jointly sponsored to bring more tour planners and travel agents to experience the allure of the Northern Marianas firsthand, in order to better package and sell the destination. The MVA board has also recently approved an airline incentive package to support Delta and other airlines bringing in new flights to the Northern Marianas from Japan in line with the MVA's market diversification strategy.

Delta currently operates a B752 aircraft with 169 seats to Saipan daily. ***(PR)***

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Saipan-da, Delta Air Lines flight crew and representatives, and the Marianas Visitors Authority greeted passengers at the departure gate at Narita International Airport on June 1, 2016, in celebration of Delta's 27th anniversary of service to Saipan.

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Interested applicants may obtain and submit application form from our security office located at the South Wing. To be considered, all applications must be submitted no later than June 15, 2016. Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST
REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS – SHIP- V
FIVE HOUSES IN SAIPAN
AND
ONE HOUSE ON SINAPALO, ROTA

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals for the following:

1) Two-story 5 Bedroom Concrete House in Kannat Tabla, Saipan – 1 unit
2) 2 Bedroom Concrete House in Kagman III, Saipan - unit
3) 2 Bedroom Concrete House in Kagman, Saipan – 1 unit
4) Two-story 4 Bedroom Concrete House in Sinapalo, Rota - 1 unit
5) 1 Bedroom Concrete House in Kagman III- 1 unit
6) Two-story 5 Bedroom Concrete House in Dan Dan Homestead, Saipan 1- unit

MPLT Resolution 10-10-A2 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP), under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following:

1) The homes are offered at the minimum appraised value;
2) Each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and
3) The proposer is certified as qualified under the CNMI Homestead Program with the CNMI Department of Public Lands, Homestead Division.

The interest rate is 2% per annum fixed under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for the acquired houses listed above. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa or at www.mplt.gov.mp

The deadline for submission of proposals for any of the houses is **Tuesday, July 05, 2016 at 4:00PM.**

MPLT hereby reserves the right to cancel, modify or reject this RFP and any proposals should the Trustees determine that doing so is in the best interest of the Trust.

CIP PROGRAM OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

INVITATION TO BID
ITB16-GOV-120
Construction of the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) office, are soliciting sealed bids for the **Construction of the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station**, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package is available at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building on Capitol Hill. A $250.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining a package at the CIP Office on Capitol Hill. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.**

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid meeting will be held at Mayor's Conference Room on Tinian on June 3, 10:00 a.m. followed by a site visit to the project site. All inquiries regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. Saipan local time on June 8, 2016 to the CIP Program Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capital Hill, Saipan or via email to esb.cip@gmail.com (Elizabeth Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager) or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared will all prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB16-GOV-120".** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 17, 2016. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, June 17, 2016, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 17, 2016 and must be received no later 10:00 a.m. than June 28, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., ChST, June 28, 2016. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will open at 2:00 p.m. Saipan local time, on June 17, 2016.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is Two Hundred Ten (210) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of *(i)* Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) per day, or *(ii)* two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 210 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ **Ralph DLG. Torres**
Governor

/s/ **Herman S. Sablan, Director**
CNMI Procurement & Supply

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR
ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES
FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
TSA RECAPITALIZATION PROGRAM
EXPLOSIVE DETECTION SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-006-16

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the removal and replacement of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Explosive Detection System (EDS) equipment at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport

The project is being funded by TSA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, June 3, 2016, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. A/E design experience in similar scoped projects in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (35 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) – (25 points);
3. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
4. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (15 points); and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points)

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, JUNE 17, 2016.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:
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For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: May 13, 2016

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ADDENDUM NO. 1
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ITB16-GOV-120
Construction of the Tinian Municipal Transfer Station

1. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply , Capitol Hill, Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, July 6, 2016. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, July 8, 2016, and must be transmitted via facsimili to (670)664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service of the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 6, 2016, and must be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, on July 15, 2016. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., ChST, July 15, 2016. However, if no notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders from outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m., Saipan Local Time, on July 6, 2016.

2. Performance and Completion Time for this project is Two Hundred Seventy (270) Calendar Days from Notice to Proceed Date.

3. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i)One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) per day, or (ii)two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 270 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 1

Guam 3rd grader wins worldwide Armed Services YMCA contest

SPRINGFIELD, Va.—The Armed Services YMCA announced Nina Taitano, of Barrigada, as a winner in the 2016 Annual Armed Services YMCA Art and Essay Contest. Taitano, a third grader at CDR William C. McCool Elementary and Middle School, was selected as the winner in the National Guard and Reserve category.

William D. French, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret), president/CEO of Armed Services YMCA, will present the prize of an Apple iPod Touch to Taitano at the McCool School Thursday, June 9, at 9:30am. French, former Commander, Joint Region Marianas, is on the island to speak at the USO's 75th Anniversary Gala and to explore options of bringing ASYMCA services to the military men and women, and their families, stationed on Guam.

The annual Armed Services YMCA Art & Essay Contest allows children to express their love, appreciation and admiration for their military heroes and serves to remind us of the sacrifices our men and women in uniform, and their families, make each day for our country. Entries for the art contest depict the theme, "My Military Family."

The contest is officially launched every November and is open to all eligible children of U.S. active duty or retired service members.

Winners of both the art and essay contests have their winning entries displayed at 34 Armed Services YMCA Branches and affiliate locations, as well as military bases worldwide during Military Family Month each November. Winners also receive special Apple brand product prizes to help military children create and express themselves.

Art contest

Entries for the art contest should depict the theme, "My Military Family." Co-sponsored by GEICO, the art contest promotes art among children in grades K-6 of active duty or retired (with 20+ years of service) members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard/Reserves families.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Nina Taitano's wining entry in the 2016 Annual Armed Services YMCA Art and Essay Contest.

Essay contest

This year's theme, "My Military Hero," encourages military children to use creative writing to express what their military hero means to them.

Each year, the Armed Services YMCA serves more than half a million junior enlisted active duty Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen and their families from 200 service centers in 18 states. Whether providing respite child care for parents in need, summer camps for kids, or assisting with emergency needs, the Armed Services YMCA is a nonprofit with a mission: Make Military Life Easier. To learn more about the Armed Services YMCA visit asymca.org, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter. ***(PR)***

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Procurement, Delivery, Training and Certification of Brand New Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment For the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Project No. CPA-SA-007-16

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies to procure, deliver, train and certify brand new self-contained breathing (SCBA) equipment for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Departments at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, the Tinian International Airport and the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport. Proposals are to include procurement, delivery, training and certification of equipment to each respective airport.

The equipment shall include the quantities and details and product specifications as provided within the scope of work. The scope and product data are available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office.

The proposals shall include the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Team Members;
3. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available);
4. Available resources to accomplish the project;
5. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
6. Valid Business License.

The contract period for procurement and installation will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of $500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the acceptance date without approved excuse by CPA.

One original and four copies of all proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than 4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax and associated shipping costs.

The procurement is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Total cost for equipment procurement, delivery, training and certification	50%
2. Experience of the firm on similar or related systems	20%
3. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff	20%
4. Timeframe for delivery, programming, training and certification	10%

Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing and may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to Assistant ARFF Chief William Camacho at bcamacho@cpa.gov.mp.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer
Date: June 3, 2016

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JOSE S. RIOS, Plaintiff, vs. YOO JIN KIM (CHUNG), SAIPAN KOREANA HOTEL, INC., and PACIFIC TOWERS, INC., Defendants

] CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0007E
] SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

**TO: DEFENDANT YOO JIN KIM (CHUNG)
SAIPAN KOREANA HOTEL, INC.
DEFENDANT PACIFIC TOWERS, INC.**

Pursuant to the *Order for Service by Publication* entered by the Court on May 17, 2016 (filed May 23, 2016) YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint to Terminate Lease of Real Property and Return Possession, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Plaintiff Jose S. Rios, whose address is P.O. Box 500107, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above Court:

Robert Tenorio Torres
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Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. VICTORIA D. DELA CRUZ a.k.a. VICTORIA DLC. CABRERA Defendant.

] Civil Action No. 14-0192
] NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 14th day of April, 2015, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **13th day of July, 2016 at 10 a.m.,** at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 312-4, (formerly part of Lot 312-R2, which was part of Lot 312-R1, which was part of Lot 312), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2115/86 the original of which was recorded 03 JUL 1986 as Document No. 86-1333 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 25th day of May, 2016.

/s/
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
Main Office: FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
P.O. BOX 501055, SAIPAN MP 96950-1055
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Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING LEASE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

CPA-RFP-014-16

ISSUE DATE: MAY 27, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY IS ACCEPTING SEALED PROPOSALS, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (THE "RFP") AND OTHER CONTRACT PROVISIONS, FOR AWARDING A LEASE CONTRACT FOR A COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FORMERLY THE "FREEDOM AIR HANGAR" AT THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON SAIPAN, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. THIS RFP IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 40-50, PROCUREMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TITLE 40 OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (THE "NMIAC"). TITLE 40, INCLUDING CHAPTER 40-50-225, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, IS APPLICABLE TO THE PROCESS FOLLOWED BY RFP.

PROPOSAL PACKAGES MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LOCATED AT THE ADMNISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE AUTHORITY, DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. A FEE OF $50.00 SHALL BE CHARGED FOR A COPY OF THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE . CHECKS MAY BE PAYABLE TO THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/S/ BY: JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman/Contracting Officer

FRANCISCO C, ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL Port of Saipan P.O. BOX 501055, Saipan MP 96950
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM Plaintiff, vs. FLORIDA A. GRIZZARD, Defendant.

] Small Claims No. 14-0458
] AMENDED SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: FLORIDA A. GRIZZARD

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT, a copy of which can be obtained at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres in Chalan Kiya, within twenty (20) days after service of this **AMENDED SUMMONS** upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to **Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this **AMENDED SUMMONS**, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

The Pre-Judgment hearing in the above captioned matter is scheduled to be heard on **July 7, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.**

SO ORDERED on this 9th day of June 2016.

/s/Clerk of Court

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**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED FOR
14 CFR PART 139 CERTIFICATION**

CPA-RFP-015-16

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is accepting seals proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (RFP), and other contract provisions, for proposals from individuals, professional firms, companies and/or corporations to provide instructional training services specific to airports pertaining to the requirements imposed by 14 CFR Part 139, and related federal airport and safety policies applicable to airfield operations and Part 139 certificate holders including programs contained in the Airport Certification Manual (ACM). The successful proposer shall conduct instructional programs at the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) facility, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposals must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands no later than **4:30 PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016.** Proposals received after this date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. One original and three copies of each proposal shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked as 'Confidential' and each envelope must include the RFP number on the outside. It is the sole responsibility of a proposer to submit its proposal or proposals in a timely manner.

A Proposal Package consisting of the Scope of Work and further details is available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. There is no charge for the proposal package.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing and may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: May 13, 2016

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN
A TanHoldings Company

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

Chief Engineer (1)
Qualifications: Extensive experience with installing and troubleshooting electrical switches, operating boilers, and repairing appliances. Must have previous supervisory experience and over five (5) years experience as hotel chief engineer is required and preferably from a high volume hotel or large building complex.

Interested applicants may obtain and submit application form from our security office located at the South Wing. To be considered, all applications must be submitted no later than June 17, 2016. Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN
A TanHoldings Company

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

Landscaping Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a landscaper in supervisory level. Knowledgeable in transplanting or pruning trees or shrubs. Must have strong communication and organizational skills to coordinate, supervise manage, or train others to accomplish goals. Must be able to lift and carry up to 35 pounds. Willing to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Interested applicants may obtain and submit application form from our security office located at the South Wing. To be considered, all applications must be submitted no later than June 17, 2016. Background check and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

SALES REPRESENTATIVE - HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful, proven sales record. Ideally with an Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing or related field with experience in F&B, menu preparation & costing. Must be able to lift 50lbs. Ideally would have understanding of wine distribution. Makes outside sales calls to established customers and cold calls to potential customers. Coordinates deliveries. Researches potential products from experience, menu content or health requirements. Proficient in MS Excel, Word, Outlook. Ability to speak Cantonese, Japanese or Korean an advantage. Must have a valid driver's license. Availability to work evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

ACCOUNTANT

BA in Accounting and a minimum of 3 years experience is required, including preparation of financial statements, processing accounts receivables & payables and other general accounting procedures. Must possess work-related skills, have knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory control and bank reconciliation. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word, Outlook and SAGE or similar accounting system. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants may submit an application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by June 24th, 2016. Applications may also be sent to:info@dqsaipan.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

D&Q is an equal opportunity employer and has a drug free work environment. Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required.

Century Hotel is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Housekeeping Cleaner (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Minimum of 6 months work experience in a hotel Is preferred. Able to speak and write English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects.

Bartender (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum two (2) years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

General Maintenance Worker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years work experience as a handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with a central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid CNMI driver's license is required. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment of the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. High School diploma or equivalent.

Guest Relations Agent (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent, two (2) years experience in providing quality customer and personal service. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. Multi-tasking skills, detail oriented and effective problem solving are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays and weekends and nights.

Guest Relations Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience or an associate's degree in hospitality or hotel management. One to four years supervisory / managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to make sure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring that establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Application may be picked up and submitted to Fiesta Resort's security office located in the South Wing. A drug test must be passed as a condition of employment.
Closing date: June 10, 2016

Century Hotel is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

CLICK IT OR TICKET DAY & NIGHT

Kanoa Resort Saipan

Food & Beverage Manager (1)
Qualifications: A degree in hotel and restaurant management is preferred plus minimum of four years experience as an assistant F&B Manager or F&B Manager capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Strong background and experience in Food & Beverage preferably in the hospitality industry. Managerial duties include instructing; assigning, reviewing and planning work of others; maintaining standards; coordinating activities; allocating recommending and approving employee promotions, transfers. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early morning, nights, weekends and holidays.

Room Reservations Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: Preferably college degree and must have a two years of experience in Sales and Marketing or Tourism. Must know how to handle the room situations in case of over sell or over bookings, need to be familiar to hotel and agent policy, cut off days, agent room blockage and cancellations policy. Know how to protect the hotel, agent contract and their privacy. Must have excellent communication skills, good quality of customer service, and multi tasking skills are a must. Team player is a must. Capable of decision making and can work under pressure. Must be knowledgeable in Fidelio System. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays when needed.

Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Able to supervise, manage and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Prefer some technical courses. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Front Office Manager (1)
Qualifications: Preferably a college graduate with a Bachelor degree in Hospitality or Tourism Management; a minimum of two years work experience as Front Office Supervisor in a hotel of significant volume. Ability to read, analyze and interpret journals, financial reports and legal documents. Ability to write letters, memorandums or conceptualizing hotel's objectives. Ability to effectively present information to top management and employees, in groups or individually. Ability to speak, write and read in the English language fluently. Fluency in Japanese is an advantage. Ability to calculate figures and amounts such as discounts, commissions, proportions, percentages, area, circumstances, and volume, and analyze such information. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Comprehensive knowledge of business management, financial reporting and productivity requirements; Proficient in Microsoft Office program and Fidelio System software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Electrician (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols, knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Landscaping Worker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 to 3 years previous work experience. Cultivates and cares for ornamental plants and installs floral displays indoor or outdoor settings through performance of any combination of following duties as directed by supervisory personnel. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Sous Chef (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; a graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. Must have at least four (4) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Supervising-chef assistant Supervises and coordinates activities of cooks and other workers engaged in preparing and cooking foodstuffs. Assumes responsibility for kitchen in absence of EXECUTIVE CHEF. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

International Cook (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least three (3) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Must be able to prepare, season, and cook a wide range of international dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, salads, entrees, and desserts in the Resort. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Baker (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Some previous work-related skill, knowledge or experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Demi Chef (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or postsecondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum of four (4) years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cafeteria Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or GED certificate. Little or no previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed for these occupations. Must facilitate food service. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
Qualifications: Require post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration or and associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or two (2) to four (4) years of experience. Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Assistant Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Preferably some technical courses. Must know how to use Excel and Microsoft Word. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram and understand centralized air-conditioning system. Adheres to OSHA safety standards that are applicable for the safe performance of job. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Powerhouse Mechanic (Power Plant) (1)
Qualifications: Require postsecondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges, and/or associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or 2 to 4 years of experience. Perform routine maintenance or make repairs to mechanical, electrical, or electronic equipment in power plants. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Pool Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate with at least two (2) years work experience as a Pool Attendant. Knowledgeable on some sports and in organizing group activities. Must be knowledgeable with the use of chemicals for the pool. Certified CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard. Willing to work a variable schedule on occasion, including weekends.

General Maintenance Worker/Repairer (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Income Auditor Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. Minimum of five (5) years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Examine and analyze accounting records to determine financial status of establishment and prepare financial reports concerning operating procedures. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to F&B, Dry goods and Housekeeping cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work a variable schedule on occasion, including weekends.

Housekeeper (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Tailor/Dressmaker (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of Three (3) years work experience as a dressmaker preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Housekeeping Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. A few months to one year of supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends..

Senior Housekeeping Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Two (2) to three (3) of supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

IT Tech Support Manager (1)
Qualifications: Any combination of education and training equivalent to possession of a bachelor's degree in computer science, information engineering, computer associates or other related areas. Must have at least five (5) years working experience. Experience in all areas of local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, implementation, and user support. Experience installing and supporting Microsoft server technologies. Working knowledge of local and wide area networks (LAN/WAN), Internet, e-mail systems, telecommunications and data communications, standard operating systems, software packages, and software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Night Auditor (2)
Qualifications: College Diploma or Equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities.

Food and Beverage Wait Staff (6)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED preferred. At least 6 months serving experience required or 6 months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Food and Beverage Wait Staff (Banquet) (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED preferred. At least 5 years experience required in banquet and/or related field. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Food and Beverage Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent or training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree. Minimum two (2) years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in preparing and serving. Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cook (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Reservations Agent (1)
Qualifications: Preferably high school graduate. Must have minimum two (2) years of experience, in Sales and Marketing or Tourism, and or equivalent years of relevant experience in hotel industry. Know how to operate office equipments like fax/copier machine, telephone, computer (knowledge in Fidelio system is an advantage). Able to handle, arrange the agents or guests needs and complaints efficiently. Must have excellent communications, good quality customer service, and multitasking skills are a must. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Room Reservations Manager (1)
Qualifications: College or university Diploma in Hospitality or Tourism Management; minimum of two years related experience as Front Office Manager, Executive Housekeeping Manager or Sales Manager in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of business need, financial reporting and productivity requirements. Proficient in Microsoft Office Program and Property Management System. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than June 13, 2016. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Best Sunshine's CSR brings Village Pride to Tinian

TINIAN—Going above and beyond in their commitment to beautifying our community, Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team partnered with the Tinian Legislative Delegation and the Tinian Mayor's Office to bring the Village Pride Project to the island.

BSI CSR executive director Rita Chong and her CSR team spent a week on Tinian, working tirelessly to rejuvenate some of the islands' infrastructure as well as promote pride in their community.

Extending the Village Pride Project to Tinian is especially rewarding for Chong, who spent the first 10 years of her life on the tropical island. "What's special about village pride for me is that I grew up here. My dad was assistant district administrator during the Trust Territory times. My brothers and sisters and I grew up here, and we had a wonderful time. So when this opportunity came up, I wanted to take the lead so I could give back to the community I grew up in." Chong shared.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

BSI's Corporate Social Responsibility team, led by executive director Rita Chong, third left second row, led her team in a successful Tinian Village Pride Project last week. In this photo her team are joined by Tinian leaders that include Senate President Francisco Borja, Sen. Jude Hofschneider, Rep. Edwin Aldan, and acting mayor and Municipal Council chair Ray Cing.

The pioneering Bike Rodeo, a joint collaboration with BSI-CSR and DPS-TOPS, was launched on Tinian.

BSI's CSR team accomplished a lot on Tinian. As part of their beautification efforts, CSR team members painted the fence at the Tinian Public Library and repainted the Historic Preservation Office, giving the structures a fresh look. They also made enhancements to the Tinian Basketball Court, installed a chain link fence around the entire court, applying the expertise gained through experience in fencing repair from past projects.

The team removed two old swing sets from the Children's Park and installed them by the basketball court after repairing and repainting them. Further enhancing the court, CSR team members are making progress on two pala-palas and benches adjacent to the court.

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Rep. Edwin Aldan joined the CSR team in the rehabilitation of several facilities on Tinian.

Several government infrastructures on Tinian where successfully rehabilitated by the BSI-CSR team.

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Catrina Jean "CJ" Sacramento Pantaleon

Born on August 8, 2000, went home to be with the Lord on June 8, 2016, at the age of 15.

Her memory will live forever in the heart of her:

Father: Jesus (Jess) Agapito Pantaleon
Mother: Analiza Sacramento Pantaleon
Siblings: Alyssa Jean S. Pantaleon
Earljean Jonathan S. Pantaleon
Grandparents:
Fely Sacramento, Aurelia Pantaleon
Socorro Borja

She will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunties, cousins, ninongs, ninangs, and friends.

A celebration of her new life will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016, 10:00 A.M. at Grace Christian Assembly Church, Magas Loop, Navy Hill, Saipan.

Interment will follow at Sanctuario Pax Memorial Gardens, Kagman, Saipan

Public viewing will be held on June 11, 2016 Grace Christian Assembly Church, Magas Loop, Navy Hill, Saipan from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

My flesh and my heart will fail
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
Psalm 73:26

The Bike Rodeo team.

CSR

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Despite record-high temperatures, the team still managed to accomplish the projects they set out to complete. "We worked through 90-plus degree weather, but the team and I were so motivated to give back to the people of Tinian," stated Chong.

Staying active in community events, the team provided entertainment during Tinian's *Mes Man'amko* gathering which brought members of the Tinian *man'amko* community to their dancing feet. BSI's CSR regularly collaborates with the CNMI's Office on Aging in organizing activities for the *man'amko*s, also reaching out to the *man'amko* on Tinian and Rota.

CSR attended the Memorial Day ceremony on Tinian. The CSR team also donated a total of 125 wreaths, 125 flags, and five service flags and poles to the entire commonwealth.

CSR also collaborated with DPS TOPS in hosting the CNMI's first ever Bike Rodeo, a hands-on workshop designed to teach kids how to practice bike safety. CSR provided helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads to the children who participated in the Bike Rodeo.

"Our role with the bike rodeo was to provide support. They even trained some of the CSR1 team members in bike safety and bike maintenance so that we would be able to assist if there should be like a large number of participants in future Bike Rodeos to come." Chong mentioned.

According to Chong, CSR and TOPS will host a Bike Rodeo on Saipan on June 18.

Many members of Tinian's community, including the island's elected officials, joined Best Sunshine's CSR team at Taga Beach to celebrate Village Pride.

The chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, Sen. Jude Hofschneider thanked Best Sunshine on behalf of the community. "We definitely appreciate Best Sunshine extending the Village Pride Project to Tinian. This is only the beginning and we certainly appreciate what you guys did here. We'll definitely make good use of those areas that are being taken care of this time around."

A new look for this basketball court on Tinian.

Working on the swing set on Tinian's Children's Park.

Children enjoy activities during the Village Pride.

The celebration was catered by Tinian's very own, Sanchez Catering, while entertainment was provided by the CSR team. A few members of "The Corporates," a band made up of BSI employees, provided live musical entertainment for the night.

The team set up a "kids' corner" staging activities such as ring toss and shooting basketball hoops. CSR donated all the equipment and leftover prizes in the kids' corner to the Tinian Youth Center at the end of the Village Pride celebration.

BSI's resident employment program manager Eileen Babauta set up a station for the people of Tinian to apply and learn more about career opportunities available at BSI.

"What we're trying to do right now is provide some outreach information to the community for those who would like to start a career in the casino industry and hospitality. We're here to share the opportunities with Tinian," stated Babauta.

Tinian Municipal Council chair and acting mayor Ray Cing praised Best Sunshine for excellent community outreach. "I like the standard and I'm going to emphasize that to the other leaders in Tinian—(that) this is the standard that we should be following in our community."

Also sharing praises for Best Sunshine's involvement in our community was Senate President Francisco Borja. "I applaud Best Sunshine for coming up with this idea and bringing this project to Tinian. Not only does it help beautify our island, but it educates our people on the importance of beautifying our island and our villages."

Rep. Edwin Aldan shared, "It really helps bringing the spirit of community, and I thank them. I express much more thanks to them. Now it's the community's turn to maintain the facilities that Best Sunshine repaired while here in Tinian".

BSI's CSR team successfully completed Phase 1 of the Village Pride Project in Saipan earlier this year. The beautification project's success on Saipan inspired the team to extend the project to Rota and Tinian, staying true to their goal of bringing peace and togetherness in the community, or as the people of the Marianas would say "inafamaolek and tipiyeew."***PR***)

Eileen Babauta of BSI' Resident Employment Program joined the group.

One of the massive beautification work conducted by CSR on Tinian.

Son's kindhearted parents feel victimized by girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a 22-year-old son who has moved back home due to his relocating. His girlfriend of six months has done some suspicious and devious things. We have tried to overlook them, but the latest involves a car our son asked us to sell her because she was in a bind because of some stupid financial decisions she had made.

We felt sorry for her, so we sold her the car for LESS than half of what we could have gotten on a trade-in since we were going to purchase a newer car. Now, one month later, she has taken the car and traded it in on a different one, no doubt gaining the extra equity. I'm angry to the point that I no longer want her in my house. Are we wrong to feel taken advantage of?

I would add that we have always tried to help our only son as much as we can. The result has been that we have been taken advantage of or not treated the way we think a son should treat parents who are not exactly well off. Please don't reject this letter as your advice is really needed.

STEAMED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR STEAMED: It appears your only son and his girlfriend may be birds of a feather. Both have taken advantage of your kindness and generosity in one way or another, and you have every right to be upset about it.

While you can't do anything about the past, that doesn't mean you can't open your eyes and watch out for yourselves in the future. If your son is planning to move the girlfriend in with you, put a stop to it now. If you don't, I predict you'll be taken advantage of as long as they're under your roof and until they move out—which may not be for the foreseeable future.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a question about something you don't hear much about anymore. Do people still have mortgage-burning parties? If I had a party, do you think guests would feel like I was bragging because I have paid off my home and they haven't? Any advice would be great!

JUST HAPPY IN MARYLAND

DEAR JUST HAPPY: Congratulations for having paid off your mortgage. However, unless your guest list is short and includes only people you are very close to, I'm not sure it would be appropriate to throw the kind of party you describe for exactly the reason you mentioned.

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DEAR ABBY: My family doesn't seem to approve of my taste in who I date. I prefer to go with older guys, but I'm 14. My parents actually reported my last boyfriend to the police when they found out his real age. I am now with another guy in high school who respects me, but my parents don't approve of him either. What should I do?

CONFUSED IN MISSOURI

DEAR CONFUSED: Start concentrating on school, sports and group activities. In other words, wait to date until your parents agree you are old enough and you can find someone of whom they approve.

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Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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DEAR ABBY

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

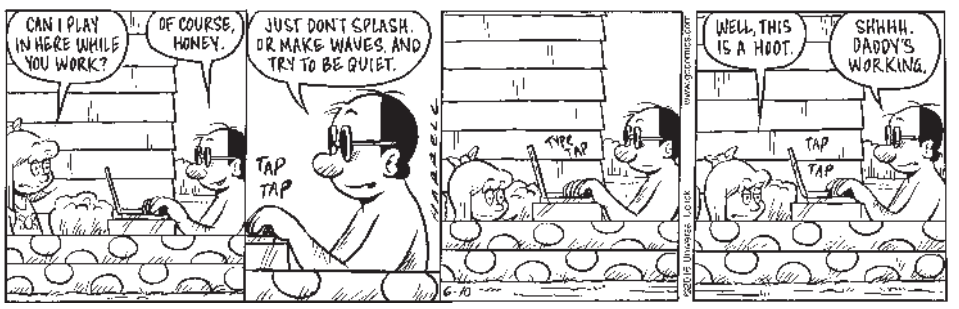
THE FEARSOME SHARK SENSES DISTRESS IN THE WAVES ABOVE HIM!
HE CIRCLES UP, CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE TERRIFIED VICTIM!
HEY!
YAHH!
SNAP
THRASH
SNAP
YOU KNOW, FOR SOMEONE WHO HATES BATHS AS MUCH AS YOU DO, YOU'RE NOT MAKING THIS GO ANY FASTER!
ANOTHER GRUESOME KILL...

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

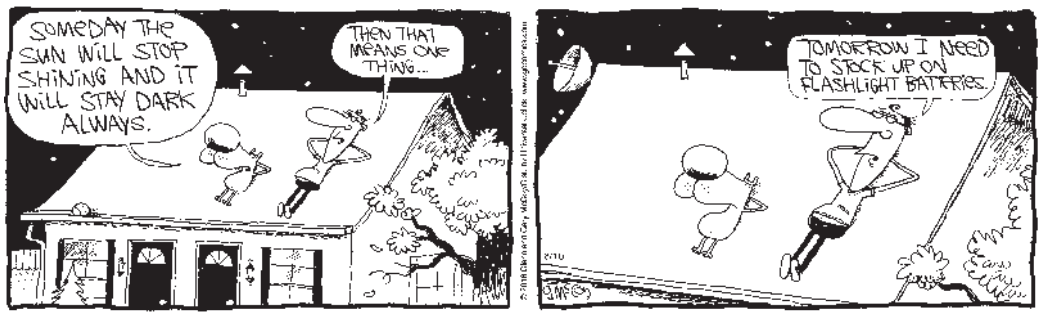
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


CAN I PLAY IN HERE WHILE YOU WORK?
OF COURSE, HONEY.
JUST DON'T SPLASH. OR MAKE WAVES. AND TRY TO BE QUIET.
TAP TAP
TYPE TAP
WELL, THIS IS A HOOT.
SHHHH. DADDY'S WORKING.
TAP TAP
6-10

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


SOMEDAY THE SUN WILL STOP SHINING AND IT WILL STAY DARK ALWAYS.
THEN THAT MEANS ONE THING...
TOMORROW I NEED TO STOCK UP ON FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Spanish snacks
6 Doctrine
9 IV measures
12 Bakery smell
13 Cattle call
14 Frazier foe
15 Spur on
16 California observatory
18 Open with a click
20 Roll call reply
21 Oft-torn knee part, for short
23 MSN rival
24 Missile shelters
25 Maui meal
27 Chip choice
29 Vermont's Sen. Sanders
31 Crop machine
35 Islamic decree
37 1492 vessel
38 Wan
41 Cash dispenser
43 Yule quaff
44 Dr. McGraw
45 Jacket part
47 Period after a major conflict
49 Pirate's pal
52 Scale notes
53 — Dhabi
54 Orange variety
55 TV Tarzan Ron
56 Gloomy guy
57 Razor sharpener

DOWN

1 — chi
2 Branch
3 In vogue
4 Prayer ender
5 Zesty dip
6 Chevy model
7 Daytime drama
8 Actress Gretchen
9 Caravan beast
10 Mild cigar
11 Begets
17 Buckeye
19 Music for nine
21 Priestly garment
22 Prompt
24 That girl
26 Insincere
28 Wooden box
30 Author Fleming
32 Batter's grip aid
33 Rock's Brian
34 Cleaning cloth
36 Tusked mammal
38 Pie fruit
39 Sand bar
40 Tantrum
42 Office notes
45 Hollywood's "Elephant Boy"
46 Expansive
48 Witty one
50 Id counterpart
51 "Uh-huh"

Solution time: 26 mins.

S	O	D	A		M	S	G		E	F	T	S
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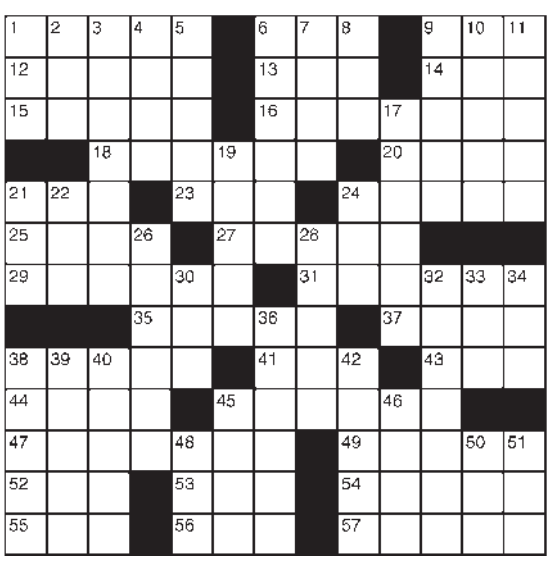
Yesterday's answer 6-10



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kate Upton, 24; Leelee Sobieski, 33; Shane West, 38; DJ Qualls, 38.

Happy Birthday: A problem with colleagues, institutions and anyone who is trying to control your life will develop. Anger will not be the way to solve your problems. Use knowledge and past experiences to carry you through any dispute. Confidence and staying informed about what everyone else is doing will allow you to avoid unnecessary mishaps. Use charm to get your way. Your numbers are 1, 12, 19, 24, 35, 39, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Plan a trip or something that will allow you to collaborate with the people who share your interests. Ask questions about procedures and costs before you book an appointment. Take a moment to plan a romantic evening with someone. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Get involved in the issues and concerns you feel strongly about. You can make a difference if you step up and voice your opinion. Emotions will surface, but if you remain calm, you will help to bring about positive change. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): A minimalist approach will protect you from excess, stress and help you stay focused on how you can get the highest return. Making changes at home can be gratifying if you do the work yourself and stay under budget. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Stick to principles and ethics and you will avoid being swept into an unrealistic plan. Bring about the changes at home that will give you a sense of belonging and help you make a decision regarding your current living arrangements. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Staying disciplined will help you reach your goals. You will impress someone you love and encourage a fun-filled, eventful evening. Keep your wits about you. Showing off by taking a risk is likely to result in a minor mishap. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Restraint will be necessary if someone puts pressure on you. Go out of your way to do something that will take your mind off of a troublesome situation and encourage you to put more emphasis on yourself and your future. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Listen, observe and assess the best way to handle volatile situations. Make a subtle change that will help enhance your look and appeal. Caution will be required in order to get what you want without causing a fuss. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You'll have the upper hand when dealing with colleagues, clients and partners. Doing the majority of the work yourself will allow you to get things done. Don't pay for someone else's mistakes. Offer solutions, not handouts. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Travel and risk-taking are best kept to a minimum. Put greater emphasis on personal development and making changes that will position you for success. An important relationship could be facing necessary changes. Work toward a common goal. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Your home is your castle. Fix whatever isn't working for you. A move, update or alteration to the way you live will bring positive change and the chance to save a little cash. Don't be afraid to do things differently. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't put up with emotional blackmail. Get out and socialize with the people who share your views and are interested in doing the same things as you. Common interests will result in a closer bond. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Keep your relationships and emotional matters in perspective. Don't give in to demands or ultimatums. Look at situations and make choices that will lead to equality. Don't underestimate what you have to offer. Be prepared to walk away. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are adaptable, honest and popular. You are emotional and fashionable.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	5		4			3	8	
3				9				5
		7			6			9
5						9		
	2			7			1	
		1						4
8			1			6		
4				6				1
	1	5			2		4	

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/10

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

4	1	9	6	2	8	3	7	5
2	6	3	7	5	4	1	9	8
8	5	7	1	9	3	2	4	6
9	3	1	8	4	7	6	5	2
5	4	8	2	3	6	9	1	7
6	7	2	5	1	9	4	8	3
3	8	4	9	7	2	5	6	1
1	9	6	3	8	5	7	2	4
7	2	5	4	6	1	8	3	9

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/9

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

FACIAL FUZZ IS TRENDY Solution: 12 letters

E	C	E	S	N	R	U	B	E	D	I	S	P	W	P
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E	E	I	A	R	B	M	I	I	A	G	Ⓙ	N	L	R
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EMPLOYMENT

1 Commercial Cleaner
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1 Building & Grounds Maintenance. $6.05/hr. Mail resume to Pacific International Marianas, Inc. dba Midway Motors. P.O. Box 500887 Saipan MP 96950.

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1 Electrician $6.05/hr. Mail resume to C&H Saipan, Inc. P.O. Box 501608 Saipan, MP 96950.

1-AutoCad Operator-$6.55-$8.50/hr. Minimum of 10 years experience. Fax resume to 234-9796. Kimco Ent. Inc.

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1 General Manager - $1,100.00/bi-weekly. Minimum of 5 years experience. Fluent in Korean. Call 234-3201. Kimco Ent. Inc.

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1 Taekwondo Instructor, $10.25/hr. Mail resume to Blue Dragon Martial Arts Corporation at P.O. Box 506310 Saipan, MP 96950

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1 Maintenance and Repair Worker, $6.05/hr. Mail resume to Elliot System, LLC. at P.O. Box 5568 Saipan, MP 96950

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4 Landscaper and Grounds Keeping Worker, (2) Waiters and Waitress, $6.05/hr. Mail resume to MTO Maintenance (Saipan), Inc. at P.O. Box 504053 Saipan, MP 96950.

JAR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) MASON
- With 4 to 5 years experience

If interested, send resume to:
P.O. Box 504249 CK
Tel: 285-5354

United Brothers Inc.
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- Mason (5)
- Electrician (5)
- Carpenter (5)
- (5) Plumber
- (1) Administrative Assistant

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Job Vacancy Announcement
Closing Date: June 14, 2016

(2) Barber
(3) All-around Beautician
(1) H.E. Parts Specialist
(1) Business Operations Manager
(1) Sales/Accounting Clerk
(1) Air-con Technician

Interested applicants, please send resume to
MANTRADE COMPANY, INC.
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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Accountant - $6.30
- Bachelor's degree in Accounting
- Knowledge in Peach Tree software
- 5 years of experience required

Building Repairer Maintenance - $6.05
- 5 years experience

(2) Maintenance Repairer - $6.05
- 5 years experience in Rod/Reel and Gun repairs

Administrative Assistant - $6.05
- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration
- With experience in bookkeeping
- 5 years experience required

Applicants must be able to work flexible hours and must have a valid CNMI driver's license.

Please email resume to info@fishingtacklesaipan.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR
Must be College Graduate with a 4-year degree & with at least 2-year experience of property management, pawnshop and real estate. Knowledgeable in real estate and drilling operations, gold acid testing and QuickBooks preferred.

BUSINESS SUPPORT SPECIALIST
College Graduate with a 4-year degree or with at least two year experience in Western Union, Real Estate, Pawnshop and Drilling business. Has excellent customer service and organizational skills and skilled in dealing with financial and numeric data.

WELL DRILLER
Minimum of 8 years experience of monitoring water well drilling & boring holes. Must have excellent knowledge & skill in well servicing & well drilling using different methods & other necessary drilling equipment, tools & machines. OSHA & HAZWOPER Certification are required.

DRILLER HELPER
Minimum of 5 years experience of assisting in water well drilling & boring holes. Must have excellent knowledge & skills in well servicing & well drilling using different methods & other necessary drilling equipment, tools & machines. OSHA & HAZWOPER certification are required.

CONSTRUCTION LABORER
Minimum of 5 years experience of performing tasks involving physical labor in well construction & real estate development projects, specializing in water well drilling projects & commercial and residential property maintenance service. OSHA & HAZWOPER certification are required.

Alexander Incorporated
Alexander Building, Beach Road,
San Jose, Saipan MP 96950
For inquiries, please call 234-5117.

BIG BELL, INC.
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(8) CARPENTER
(6) ELECTRICIAN
(8) MASON
(4) PAINTER
(6) STEELMAN

Must have 2 yrs experience
Submit application to
Big Bell Inc, Office
Koblerville, Saipan

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Fishermen (2)
High School diploma or GED certificate or equivalent. Knowledge in food production, mechanical, transportation and geography.

Sales & Marketing Coordinator (3)
Associate's or Bachelor's degree. 2-3 years work experience in marketing policies and programs, pricing strategies, product development or trends.

Marketing/Multimedia Artist
Associate's or Bachelor's degree. 3-5 years work experience in marketing policies and programs, creation of special effects or other visual images, and designing complex graphics and animation. Knowledgeable in CAD software, web platform development softwares, and video creation and editing softwares.

Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing required prior to employment. Send resume to Jarvis Corporation. PMB787 Box10001, Saipan MP 96950

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
HYUN CORPORATION
(1) Accountant/Office Manager
Min. of 5 years experience on Accounting and office management. With good command in English and Korean. Must provide own transportation. Can work on flexible hours. Send resume to sylviacnmi@gmail.com

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• 3-Liner	$15	$30
• 5-Liner	$24	$45

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Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

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Classified Ads

Cancellations should be made before 12 noon of the day prior to date of publication.

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Refunds will only be made if cancellation deadlines are met. No refunds will be made once ad is already printed.

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All advertising in the *Saipan Tribune* are subject to applicable rate sheet, copies of which are available from the Advertising Sales Department (please call 235-8747, 235-2769 or 235-6397). All ads will be subject to approval prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit, refuse, reject or cancel any ad at any time. Also, *Saipan Tribune* reserves the right to place ads under proper headings and to revise copy when necessary.

PACIFIC ISLANDS CLUB SAIPAN

We are seeking for high energy individuals with a positive, can do attitude.
Pacific Islands Club, Saipan is inviting qualified, U.S. workers to apply for the following position:

HOTEL, GENERAL MANAGER

Applicants must have a minimum of ten (10) years of work experience as a Hotel General Manager within Asia/Pacific Rim and experience within resorts of 300 rooms and over is required. Must have a minimum of five (5) years of work experience as a Hotel, Director of Sales and Marketing within Asia/Pacific Rim and experience within resorts of 300 rooms and over is also required. A four (4) year Bachelor's Degree or work equivalency is required. Proficiency in Japanese language (verbal, written and understanding) other than English, is preferred. Must be able to work evenings/weekends/holidays.

Applications must be received by 5:00pm on Monday, July 11th, 2016.
PIC applications are available at the PIC Security Desk by the Loading Dock/Employee Entrance. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted or considered.
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CDA Commonwealth Development Authority

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POSITION	:	Business Development Specialist
ANNUAL SALARY	:	$25,000 - $30,000
EMPLOYMENT TERM	:	Two (2) Years, renewable
CLOSING	:	Thursday, June 16, 2016

This position is an excepted service position. The employee works under the immediate supervision of the Economic Development Analyst. Performs tasks independently but seeks additional expertise when deviation from accepted practices are identified and as directed by the Economic Development Analyst. The employee serves as technical support and may lead less experienced staff and clerical staff. Completed projects are reviewed for adherence to basic principles of business management, rational conclusions and in conformance with policy.

The employee in this class performs technical and specialized duties in the collection and evaluation of data relating to the enforcement and compliance process of the Qualifying Certificate Program. The employee is required to perform timely and competent field inspection of QC recipients and prepares comprehensive reports thereon.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- Issues QC Applications and investment packets;
- Accepts, evaluates and processes applications;
- Conducts investigations for compliance and reporting;
- Maintains business relations with business organizations and government agencies for the effective delivery of the QC Program;
- Interfaces with program officials and interrelated agencies and facilities within the community to ensure that QC objectives are accomplished;
- Assists in the development and management of business promotional activities;
- Assists in communicating awareness and image of the Authority as the primary advocate of business;
- Provides support for QC Program and other CDA program objectives; and
- Performs all other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS:
Must hold a Bachelors Degree from a U.S. accredited college or university in Business Administration, Economics, Marketing, International Business, Finance or a closely related field. Two (2) years work experience in any business related field. Copy of degree/official transcript and police clearance must be attached to the application.

SKILLS:
- Some knowledge of laws, regulations, policies and services of the Authority.
- Some knowledge of principles and practices, rules and regulations governing the QC Program.
- Ability to interpret laws, contracts, ordinances and regulations.
- Make sound decisions, recommendations, and formulate solutions consistent with QC Program, its policies and procedures.
- Manage, and direct less experienced professional and clerical staff under his/her leadership.
- Ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing with QC recipients, management, other employees and the general public.
- Ability to work exceptionally well with management, counsels, fellow employees and the general public.
- Ability to perform financial calculation and interpret the same.
- Ability to maintain records and produce reports.
- Exhibit a "self-starting" approach to work.
- Possesses strong management skills.
- Possesses good computer skills in word processing, spreadsheets and desktop publishing.
- Evaluate and formulate solutions to complex situations.

For more information, please check "JOB OPPORTUNITIES" on our website at www.developmentcnmi.com

INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION FORMS TO:
Office of Personnel Management
PO Box 5153 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950

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Job Vacancy Announcement

JVA No. 16-028

Opening Date: Thursday, June 02, 2016
Closing Date: Until Filled.

Chief Financial Officer

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") is seeking for a qualified Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). CUC is a public utility corporation located on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI")—a United States territory in the northwestern Pacific Ocean.

The CNMI is a tropical paradise of fourteen islands. In the CNMI you can escape to a place of magnificent beaches and crystal clear aqua waters, and rich history. Saipan offers year-round outdoor activities, world class diving and golfing, international shopping, a range of ethnic restaurants and a cacophony of indigenous and international cultures.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

Reporting directly to CUC's Executive Director or designee, the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") works directly with the Deputy Executive Director ("DED"). The CFO fills a position required by the Stipulated Order ("SO") of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051.

- Responsible for the overall accounting, budgeting, and financial operations of CUC.
- Supervises professional and support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations.
- Maintains the financial and budget records and accounts of CUC.
- Performs financial, budget and rate analyses of operations and revenues; makes recommendations for adjustments to rates.
- Develops, implements and enforces financial and budget policies and procedures.
- Prepares complex financial and budget reports and special reports as requested by the Board.
- Schedules and coordinates annual audits with independent contractors.
- Prepares an annual report of the financial condition of CUC.
- Plans, implements and monitors short and long-term goals for the department and CUC.
- Other duties of a similar nature or level as assigned or required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Successful candidates for CUC's Chief Financial Officer must have the following:

- Education:
  - o Bachelor's degree in accounting or financial management from a United States accredited institution or one with equivalent accreditation;
- Experience:
  - o Ten (10) years of professional experience in governmental or financial accounting, including experience in a supervisory and/or management position.
- Certification and Licensing:
  - o A Certified Public Accountant or Certified Management Accountant is desired.
  - o Ability to obtain and maintain a CNMI driver's license of the appropriate class upon hire is required.
- Must demonstrate the following:
  - o Thorough knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, as well as Financial Accounting Standards Board and Government Accounting Standards Board pronouncements and interpretations, auditing principles, and utility rate structures and rate setting principles and methods;
  - o Working knowledge of automated financial systems and programs to manage all aspects of reporting, personnel management and training;
  - o General knowledge of utility operations, debt collection practices, and limitations.
- Knowledge of:
  - o Supervisory principles;
  - o Managerial and leadership principles;
  - o Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
  - o Budgetary principles;
  - o Financial principles;
  - o Mathematical principles.
- Skill in:
  - o Monitoring and evaluating staff;
  - o Prioritizing and assigning work to staff;
  - o Applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations;
  - o Applying accounting procedures and principles;
  - o Developing and implementing procedures and standards;
  - o Analyzing accounting transactions;
  - o Preparing and analyzing financial statements, budgets and reports;
  - o Establishing internal control and compliance systems and information systems;
  - o Conducting cost-benefit analysis;
  - o Preparing annual reports;
  - o Estimating costs for projects;
  - o Analyzing and setting rates;
  - o Using computers and related software applications;
  - o Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

LOCATION: Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY INFORMATION: Based on credentials and specialized experience and whether applicant has a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.

POSITION: One (1).

CONTRACT: Two-year; subject to renewal.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Receipts will be required for justification. Other conditions may be applicable.

SUBMISSION PROCESS: Please submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, (3) a list of references, and (4) a CUC Employment Application by one of the following means:

1. United States Postal Service, First Class Mail or Priority Mail*:
   Human Resource Office
   Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
   P. O. Box 501220
   Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA

   *If you choose to submit via USPS, please still also fax "or" email "or" drop off your package.
2. Fax: 670-235-5131
3. Email: employment.applications@cucgov.org
4. Drop Off: Drop off your package at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian or Rota Administration Office.

POLICIES: The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

It is also the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.

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Job Vacancy Announcement

JVA No. 16-029

Opening Date: Tuesday, June 07, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, June 20, 2016

Trades Technician (Electric Meter Technician)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Power Division Manager or his/her designee. Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility; provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; and ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures. Provides assistance in monitoring regulatory compliance. Operates specialized and heavy equipment; performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility. Identifies issues and operational concerns; performs inspections; provides troubleshooting; evaluates corrective measures or options; recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions. Receives customer inquiries and trouble calls; responds to requests and provides information or status updates. Monitors inventory and supplies; maintains required supply levels; initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas. Takes readings of equipment; maintains records, logs, orders and data; and prepares reports. Operating, starting, stopping, synchronizing, and/or regulating power and reactive load on generators; Operating feeder circuit breakers during routine and emergency conditions; Testing and repairing transformers; Monitoring fuel and lubrication oil levels, input/output calculations, and refill requests; Issuing and ordering of parts, tools, chemicals and other supplies; Performing reconditioning of used parts; Performing alignment of pump and motors at auxiliary sites; Welding, cutting, grinding and fabricating materials; Calculating fuels supply and usage and preparing for fuel transfer. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $20,826.00 per annum to $28,115.00 per annum.
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.
POSITION(S) : Four (4)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and 4 years of experience related to area of assignment. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work in assigned area; Reviewing quality levels and providing technical guidance in assigned area; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Monitoring inventory and supplies; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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Job Vacancy Announcement

JVA No. 16-030

Opening Date: Tuesday, June 07, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, June 20, 2016

Trades Technician: Lineperson

Duties: Work under the direct supervision of the Power Division Manager or his/her designee. Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility; provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; and ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures. Provides assistance in monitoring regulatory compliance. Operates specialized and heavy equipment; performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility. Identifies issues and operational concerns; performs inspections; provides troubleshooting; evaluates corrective measures or options; recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions. Receives customer inquiries and trouble calls; responds to requests and provides information or status updates. Monitors inventory and supplies; maintains required supply levels; initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas. Takes readings of equipment; maintains records, logs, orders and data; and prepares reports. To install, repair and maintain overhead and underground electrical power lines and auxiliary equipment. Strings, splices, transfers and sags wire in energized or de-energized circuits and connects wires and transformers as specified or directed. Shortens or lengthens lines by adding or removing wire, using a variety of types of splices, connectors, sleeves or clamps. Regularly works above ground on poles or steel towers using climbers and safety belt or operating man lift equipment, boom truck or other specialized equipment. Routes or re-routes power lines over, under or around existing lines and structures, regularly working above, on, or in close proximity to energized lines. Selects and uses a variety of "hot line" tools and makes use of rubber gloves, line hoses, mechanical jumpers, fiber guards, blankets and other protective devices as specified. Works on all voltages as required throughout the system. Installs and removes transformers, including primary and secondary current transformers and self-contained meters; cut-outs, disconnecting switches, circuit breakers and other overhead line, rigging block and tackle where necessary or working with ground crew and winch to raise or lower equipment. May install street and area lights, working with primary and secondary voltages. May change transformer locations on maps. Performs line switching or sectionalizing as directed. Performs emergency repairs, phases and connects circuits under load; performs load checks and balances feeders as required. Inspects lines, poles and equipment for signs of damage or wear and reports deficiencies. Assists in carrying poles, digging holes, piking and guying poles and other such operations involved in the setting or replacing of poles; may erect steel towers. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

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JUAN L. ADA need:
(1) Housekeeping
must have at least 2 yrs experience
Contact Name : Maria S. Ada
Contact No. 234-5036

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Li'l Hands Music School
Music Teacher
Conservatory of Music graduate
major in Piano 5 yrs.
E-mail: littlehandsmusic@yahoo.com

PACIFIC ISLAND CLEANING AGENCY
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(3) General Maintenance
(8) Commercial Cleaner
Must have 5 years experience.
Please send resume to PO Box 502670
Koblerville, Saipan, MP 96950
E-mail:hectorsablan@yahoo.com

Herman's Modern Bakery

JOB VACANCIES:

- (1) Chief Accountant
- (1) Production Manager
- (2) Cake Decorator
- (3) Cook
- (1) Cook Assistant
- (2) Packer
- (1) Maintenance Technician
- (1) Refrigeration & Aircon Technician
- (1) Security Guard
- (1) Production Clerk
- (2) Sales Representative
- (2) Food Service Worker

Interested applicants may send their resume to sales.saipan@hermansbakery.com or pick-up an application form at our HR office in Tun Herman Pan (Airport Road).

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

Opening Date: 05/24/16 **Closing Date: 06/13/16***

JVA#15-007: **Marketing Specialist I**
Annual Salary: $17,700.92 – $18,584.42**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#15-008: **Community Projects Coordinator I**
Annual Salary: $17,700.92 - $18,584.42**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#15-010: **Procurement Officer**
Annual Salary: $24,889.35 - $31,757.68**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#15-012: **Tour Guide Certification Manager**
Annual Salary: $30,000.00 - $40,000.00**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#16-001: **Tradesman**
Annual Salary: $11,278.940 - $14,388.82
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Tinian

JVA#16-002: **Special Assistant to the Managing Director**
Annual Salary: $25,000.00 - $30,000.00**
Location: Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

*If not filled, the vacancy announcement will be continued and applications will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day.
** The salary given will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.

Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01 for more detailed information on position description. A completed application must be submitted together with the required documents for consideration until search is closed. A resume may be attached, but the application form must be filled out in full. MVA is an equal opportunity employer.

DOCOMO PACIFIC (SAIPAN), INC. has openings for:

Two (2) Field Technicians
Minimum Qualifications: Associate's degree in Electronic or Electrical Engineering or Technology, or closely related field (may be foreign equivalent) and two years experience as a Field or Engineering Technician or closely related job for telecommunications or cable company.
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Cavs fire back, blow out Warriors in Game 3

CLEVELAND (AP)—Crawling on the floor after a loose ball, LeBron James gathered himself and quickly got to his feet.

He stood tall, and so did the Cavaliers.

James had 32 points and 11 rebounds, Kyrie Irving added 30 points and Cleveland, pushed for 48 minutes by a delirious, championship-starved crowd, hammered the Golden State Warriors 120-90 in Game 3 on Wednesday night to pull within 2-1 in the NBA Finals.

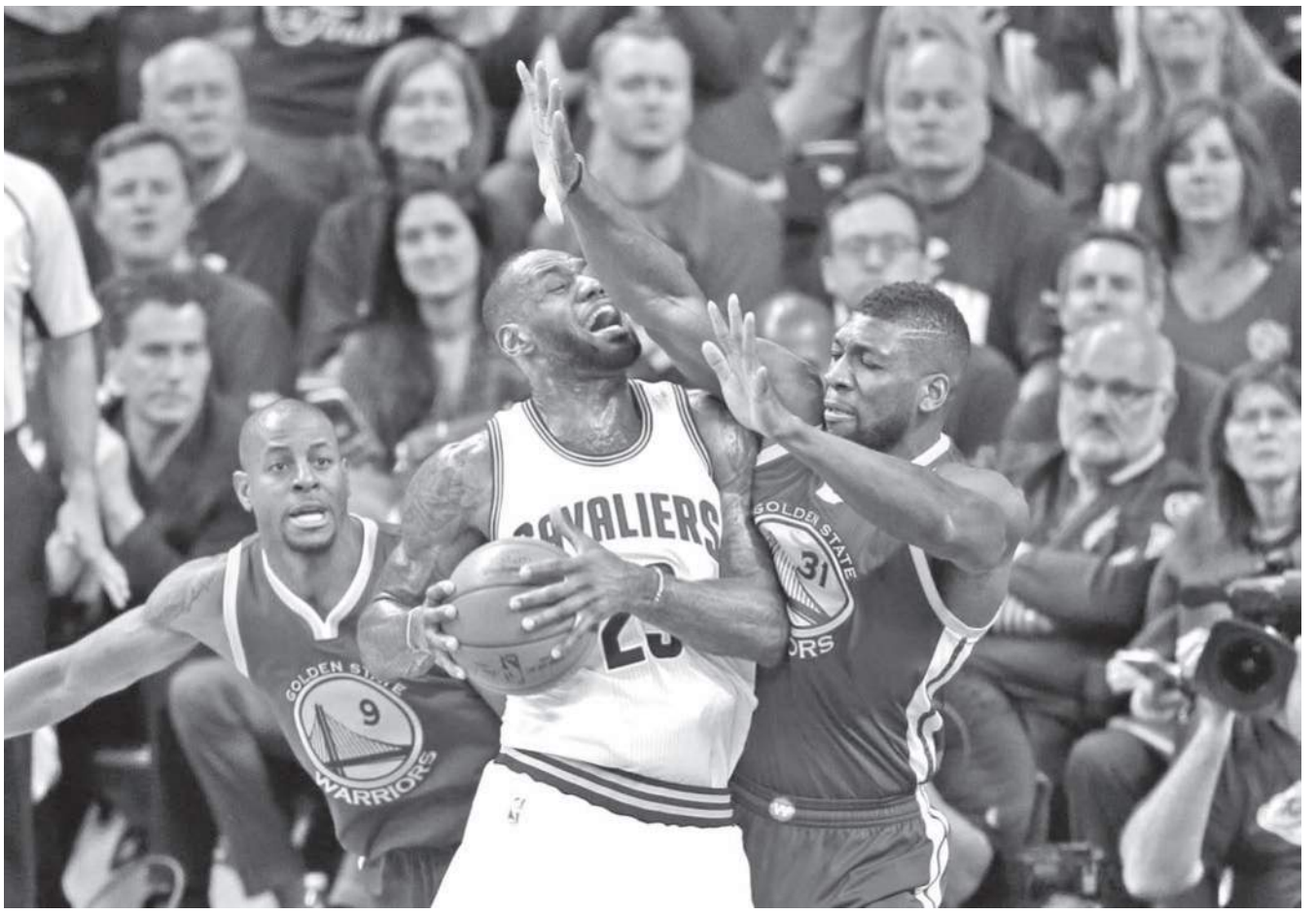
On their home floor, where they have been dominant all postseason, the Cavs recovered from a 33-point loss in Game 2 and yanked their season from the brink of disaster following back-to-back blowouts in the Bay Area.

"We finally got back to our game," said James, whose energy from the start electrified 20,000 fans, and most importantly his teammates. "It was a good flow, a collective team win."

They Cavs did it without starting forward Kevin Love, with little help from their bench and by keeping Stephen Curry penned in.

The league's MVP was mostly MIA, scoring 19 points - two in the first half - on 6-of-13 shooting. Harrison Barnes scored 18 and Klay Thompson 10 for the Warriors, who had won seven straight over Cleveland—the first two finals games by a combined 48 points—and came back to the birthplace of rock and roll looking to party like they did after winning the title in Quicken Loans Arena last year.

The Cavs, though, have made this a series after it appeared the Warriors were on the fast track to another crown.



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Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) drives on Golden State Warriors' Festus Ezeli (31) and Andre Iguodala (9) during the first half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals in Cleveland, Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

James had called it "do or die" for Cleveland.

Done and living.

The Warriors didn't look anything like the team that won a record 73 games during the regular season or the one that overcame a 3-1 deficit in the Western Conference finals.

"We were soft," said coach Steve Kerr. "When you're soft, you get beat on the glass and turn the ball over."

Curry didn't offer any excuses, but the two-time MVP hasn't been himself so far in this series.

"I've got to play 100 times better than that," he said, dismissing any notion he's slowed by injuries. "I'm fine. Not the way we wanted the night to go."

Irving bounced back from two rough games out West, J.R. Smith made five 3-pointers and Tristan Thompson did the dirty work inside, getting 13 rebounds for the Cavs, who improved to 8-0 at home and can even the series with a win in Game 4 on Friday night.

The Cavs hardly missed Love, still suffering from a concussion sustained in Game 2. He wanted to play, but is still in the NBA's concussion protocol and has not yet been cleared to return by league and team doctors.

Coach Tyronn Lue started veteran Richard Jefferson and moved James into Love's power forward spot, giving the Cavs a smaller lineup better equipped to run with the Warriors.

The 35-year-old Jefferson gave the Cavs a huge boost in 33 minutes, scoring nine points with eight rebounds.

Leading by eight at half, Cleveland took control in the third quarter when James and Irving combined on a play that symbolized the Cavs' resurrection.

Scrambling on his hands and knees while for a ball near midcourt, James got to his feet and whipped a pass to Irving on the left side. Irving returned a lob to James, who leaped high and flushed it with his right hand, a basket that seemed to erase all that went wrong for the Cavs in California.

"I wanted to see something great," Irving said of high pass, which forced James to soar. "It was awesome."

Said James, "I had to go get it."

The Cavs had to get Game 3, and James gathered his teammates in the hallway with some instructions.

"Follow my lead from the beginning!" he screamed. "And do your job!"

The Cavs listened, scoring the game's first nine points and opening a 20-point lead in the first quarter, rattling the Warriors.

"They just punched us right in the mouth," Kerr said.

Miller rejects $114.5M offer from Broncos

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—Super Bowl MVP Von Miller's camp has rejected a contract proposal that would have made him the highest-paid non-quarterback in NFL history, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of negotiations, said Miller's representatives rejected a six-year, $114.5 million offer that included $39.8 million in guarantees in the first two years.

Joby Branion, who represents Miller, didn't immediately return a message left by The AP seeking comment on the rejected offer, which was first reported by ESPN.

Although the NFL's collective bargaining agreement gives teams until July 15 to work out long-term contract extensions with franchised players, Broncos general manager John Elway imposed a Tuesday night cutoff because he wanted Miller to attend this week's mandatory minicamp and not miss the entire offseason program.

Elway could revisit Miller's contract, but he's turning his attention toward negotiations with wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders and inside linebacker Brandon Marshall.

Miller guided the Broncos to a 24-10 win over Carolina in Super Bowl 50 with two sack-strips of NFL MVP Cam Newton that led to both of Denver's touchdowns. That came after he collected 2½ sacks and intercepted Tom Brady in the AFC championship game.

The Broncos placed their exclusive franchise tag on Miller, who has 60 sacks and 6½ more in the playoffs. If the sides don't return to the table and work out a deal, he would have to play the 2016 season under the one-year $14.129 million tender.

Miller predicted peaceful negotiations while his agent sought a contract topping Ndamukong Suh's six-year, $114.375 million deal with the Dolphins in 2015 that includes $50 million in guarantees over the first two years.

Just Monday, Miller expressed optimism that a deal was forthcoming when he accompanied his teammates on their trip to the White House, saying the sides had "made real progress over the last couple of days."

Elway imposed an earlier deadline than the July 15 cutoff because he's leery of letting things go right up to the last minute, which leaves players exposed to the possibility of injury or a dip in production after missing months of offseason workouts with their teammates.

Former Broncos left tackle Ryan Clady suffered a season-ending foot injury in Week 2 after signing a five-year, $52.5 million contract just before training camp in 2013. Wide receiver Demaryius Thomas saw a dip in his production last year after signing a five-year, $70 million deal at the deadline.

Thomas topped 100 catches again last season, but his 12.4 yards per catch represented a significant decline from his 15.1-yard career average, and his touchdowns dropped from 11 in 2014 to six last season. He also dropped 18 passes and in the playoffs collected just seven receptions for 60 yards and no touchdowns.

Elway criticized Thomas for skipping offseason workouts last year, but didn't do the same with Miller, suggesting in April that it was good for him to get away from football for a while.

He didn't want that vacation to last any longer, but couldn't convince him with his latest contract offer.

Mickelson in Memphis tuning up for US Open

TENNESSEE (AP)—Phil Mickelson is in the midst of a busy three weeks, so he made sure he got one of the first tee times bright and early Wednesday morning at the TPC Southwind course.

A man celebrating his 46th birthday on the first day of the U.S. Open next week needs a little break.

"I'm going to go straight back to the room and rest up," Mickelson said.

"I don't feel as though there's anything about my game that I'm worried about, but I want to make sure that I'm physically and mentally rested and ready to go, because for me to play well next week, I think it's important that I play well this week."

Mickelson practiced at Oakmont the past two days after tying for 20th at Memorial last week. He also played the pro-am at that event last week and played again Wednesday in Memphis, Tennessee, before the FedEx St. Jude Classic starts Thursday.

He's got plenty of company in Memphis with players trying to tune up their games under the stress of competition before heading to Pennsylvania.

Dustin Johnson, who lost last year's U.S. Open on a painful three-putt, is back at an event he won in 2012. Former U.S. Open champs Graeme McDowell and Ernie Els also are here.

Defending champ Fabian Gomez of Argentina likely needs to finish at least fourth or higher to play his way into the field at Oakmont.

Strong finishes also could help Gary Woodland and Ryan Palmer earn the U.S. Open berths they've just missed so far with six spots held open for those who break into the world's top 60 by Sunday night.

The U.S. Open is the major that Mickelson has come so close to without winning, and he's working hard preparing himself for another chance at that title. With St. Jude Children's Research Hospital benefiting, this tournament certainly is attractive to anyone.

Mickelson said his reasons for being in Memphis are selfish.

"It really gets me ready ... to get my game sharp, to play competitive for the U.S. Open, which is a tournament I would love to win to cap off my career, and I feel like playing here and playing well gives me the best chance to do that," Mickelson said.

Sharapova suspended for 2 years for failed drug test

PARIS (AP)—Maria Sharapova was suspended Wednesday for two years for failing a drug test, labeled "the sole author of her own misfortune" because she hid regular pre-match use of a newly banned substance from anti-doping authorities and members of her own entourage.

The tennis star said she would appeal what she called "an unfairly harsh" punishment to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The ban, handed down by a three-person Tennis Anti-Doping Program tribunal appointed by the International Tennis Federation, is backdated to Jan. 26, when Sharapova last played. She tested positive for meldonium that day after losing to Serena Williams in the Australian Open quarterfinals. The panel said various elements of Sharapova's case "inevitably lead to the conclusion" that she took the substance "for the purpose of enhancing her performance."

Sharapova, who faced up to a four-year suspension, loses all ranking points and prize money she earned in Melbourne.

More significantly, if her suspension withstands an appeal and runs through Jan. 25, 2018, the 29-year-old Russian will wind up missing this year's Rio de Janeiro Olympics and a total of eight Grand Slam tournaments during what might have been prime competitive years.

It certainly throws into doubt the on-court future of a former No. 1-ranked player and owner of five Grand Slam titles who is one of the most well-known and— thanks to a wide array of endorsements—highest-earning athletes in the world.

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In this Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 file photo, Maria Sharapova of Russia waves as she leaves Rod Laver Arena following her quarterfinal loss to Serena Williams of the United States at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia. Sharapova has been suspended for two years by the International Tennis Federation for testing positive for meldonium at the Australian Open.

She is one of 10 women in tennis history with a career Grand Slam—at least one title from each of the sport's four most important tournaments. Sharapova was the 2004 Wimbledon champion at age 17; No. 1 in the rankings at 18; U.S. Open champion at 19; Australian Open champion at 20. An operation to her right shoulder in 2008 took her off the tour for months, and her ranking dropped outside the top 100. But she worked her way back, and in 2012, won the French Open, then added a second title in Paris two years later.

Now comes a dark chapter to the story of someone who was 9 years old when her father moved her from Russia to Florida to pursue a tennis career.

Sharapova was provisionally suspended in early March; shortly afterward, she announced at a news conference in Los Angeles that she had failed a doping test for meldonium in January. She did not mention, as the panel's 33-page ruling does, that she also failed an out-of-competition test for the same drug in February.

Sharapova's defense: She was not aware that the World Anti-Doping Agency barred athletes from using meldonium, also known as mildronate, as of Jan. 1. The panel's ruling, in a nutshell: She should have been aware - and would have been, had she followed proper protocols.

One bit of good news for Sharapova on Wednesday: Sportswear giant Nike announced it "will continue to partner" with her, adding: "We hope to see Maria back on court." In March, Nike said it would suspend its business relationship with Sharapova while an investigation was ongoing.

Astros finally beat Rangers; Darvish exits early

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Jose Altuve hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the seventh inning and the Houston Astros finally beat the Rangers, 3-1 on Wednesday night in a game Texas starter Yu Darvish exited earlier than expected.

Darvish, in only his third start for the Rangers since Tommy John surgery in March 2015, left after feeling tightness in his right shoulder during the fifth inning. He was shaking his arm after throwing a 63 mph breaking pitch to strike out George Springer but faced two more batters to finish the inning.

Houston had lost its first eight games this season against its AL West and in-state rival. The Astros had also lost 12 straight in Arlington, matching their club record for longest road losing streak against one opponent.

Mets 6, Pirates 5, 10 innings

In Pittsburgh, pinch-hitter Wilmer Flores' bloop single with the bases loaded in the 10th inning drove in the go-ahead run for New York in a victory over Pittsburgh.

Yoenis Cespedes and Neil Walker opened the 10th with consecutive singles off Cory Luebke (0-1), and James Loney sacrificed.

Giants 2, Red Sox 1

In San Francisco, Mac Williamson hit a go-ahead home run leading off the eighth inning for his first career long ball, Brandon Belt also connected and San Francisco beat David Price and Boston to split the quick two-game series.

Cory Gearrin (2-0) struck out two in a 1-2-3 eighth for the win.

Mariners 5, Indians 0

In Seattle, Taijuan Walker returned to his early season form by throwing eight innings and tying a career high with 11 strikeouts, and Chris Iannetta provided the offense with two home runs in Seattle's victory over Cleveland.

Walker (3-6) was dominant, allowing three hits and winning for the first time since April 25.

Orioles 4, Royals 0

In Baltimore, Chris Tillman pitched effectively into the eighth inning to earn his seventh consecutive win, Ryan Flaherty drove in two runs and Baltimore extended Kansas City's losing streak to seven games.

Tillman (8-1) allowed eight hits over 7 1/3 innings, matched his career high with nine strikeouts and walked none.

Cubs 8, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, John Lackey struck out eight in seven dominant innings, Kris Bryant and Ben Zobrist hit homers and Chicago beat Philadelphia.

Lackey (7-2) gave up three hits and extended his scoreless streak to 13 2/3 innings.

Cardinals 12, Reds 7

In Cincinnati, Brandon Moss homered in consecutive at-bats, Matt Adams and Jhonny Peralta added three-run drives and St. Louis rolled over Cincinnati.

Matt Bowman (1-1) got his first major league win by striking out his only batter, Zack Cozart, for the final out of the fifth with the potential tying run on second base.

Yankees 12, Angels 6

In New York, Chris Parmelee homered twice in his first start for the Yankees, Carlos Beltran added two more big hits to his huge series and New York's bats broke loose late in a victory over Los Angeles.

Jacoby Ellsbury homered and scored three times, Brett Gardner had three hits and two RBIs.

Rockies 1, Dodgers 0

In Los Angeles, Chris Rusin combined with four relievers on a four-hitter as Colorado beat Los Angeles in the rubber match of their three-game series.

Rusin (2-4) allowed three hits in six innings for his first win since April 13.

Blue Jays 7, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Josh Donaldson had three hits, including a three-run homer and a triple, and R.A. Dickey won consecutive starts for the first time since last summer, helping Toronto beat Detroit to avoid a three-game sweep.

Justin Smoak hit a two-run homer and Kevin Pillar added a two-run triple as Toronto stopped Detroit's five-game winning streak.

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Twin wins for Gloria, Diana

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From left, Kathy Mersai, Carrie Camacho, Janice Camacho, and Diana Camacho pose for a photo after receiving their team championship trophies during the awards ceremony for the 34th CNMI May Masters Tournament at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort late last month.

Veterans bowlers Gloria Omechelang and Diana Camacho flashed their old, but reliable form to post double victories in the 34th CNMI May Masters Tournament held late last month at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Omechelang won the singles and doubles events (with Tess Fabie), while Camacho prevailed in the team and All Events contests.

Omechelang collected 542 pins in three games to beat 12 other female keglers for the top honors. She won by 29 pins against Janice Camacho, who tallied 513 in three games, while former May Masters champion Jerrie Aquino rounded out the Top 3 with her 486.

In the doubles, Omechelang recorded 478 (187, 137, and 154) and adding Fabie's 590 (220, 159, and 211), they earned 1,608, for a 17-pin winning margin over Lala Taitano and Ron Cal. The runners-up both totaled 500-plus pins with Taitano registering 528 and Cal logging 523. Diana Camacho and Kathy Mersai combined for 961 pins (492 and 469) to rank third.

In the team event, Diana Camacho joined forces with her daughter Carrie, Janice Camacho, and Mersai and gathered 1,925 pins to win against five other squads. Diana had the biggest contribution among the quartet with her 512, followed by her daughter (499), Janice (475), and Mersai (439).

Mersai (481) also teamed up with Omechelang (568), Fabie (452), and Lynn Santos (419) and finished second with their 1,920 pins, while the quartet of Gigi Zapanta, Omechelang, Cal, and Fabie placed third after collecting 1,799.

With her triumph in the team event, third place in the doubles, and sixth in singles, Diana Camacho ruled the All Events. She totaled 1,479 pins to down Fabie (1,425) and Zapanta (1,409).

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Tess Fabie, left, and Gloria Omechelang show the trophies they won for topping the doubles event in the 34th CNMI May Masters Tournament held late last month at the Saipan Bowling Center.

BREWERS

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and allowing no hits. Cepeda, who was the Brewers third pitcher in the match after Lenny Sablan and Thomas Camacho, ended the game in style as he fanned out the Aces' first three batters at the bottom of the ninth.

With the win, the Brewers are still in second place in the eight-team field behind the unbeaten Chalan Kanoa Bears, who own a 12-0 record and have already secured the pennant with still two more games remaining in the regular season.

The Falcons are in third place with their 6-4 mark and are followed by the Aces (7-5), Titanium (5-7), Yankees (4-7), North Starz (1-9), and Blue Jays (0-12).

SHIRLEY'S

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Scoring by halves: 52-29, 125-40.

Third Game

Fiesta 65 — Matsutaro 12, Macoto 11, Rivera 8, Nonato 6, Maratita 6, Esdrelon 5, Quizon 5, Villamena 2, Lavarias 2.

POI 59 — Santos 21, Arago 14, Ramos 11, yu 5, Mendiola 4, Tenepere 2.

Scoring by halves: 35-21, 65-59.

FORMER

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sion you saw was the theory session. This was to give them a basic introduction to refereeing with the practical session on the court during a game. It was great to see so many young people participating because they are the future of basketball on Saipan. They were very receptive to all the information that were given to them and will be working closely with the basketball federation to continue their training," said Le Fleur, who also represented Australia in the 1998 Women's World Championships in Berlin, Germany.

Agape Christian School's Noel Puno was among the participants in yesterday's session and he brought with him his students.

"This course will give our students a better understanding of basketball and how the game is officiated. It is very helpful to us because we are active in basketball leagues on Saipan, especially in the school competitions. With our students attending referee and table officials course, they will be able to help us run tournaments in our school," Puno said.

Le Fleur said putting into practice what the participants will learn from the course is the main purpose of her short visit on Saipan.

"The new referees will need to continue their training while refereeing games.. The only way to get better is to referee games. They will be refereeing junior games and will be assessed and monitored by the NMI basketball federation so they are improving. As they get better they will be moved up into the senior levels," the FIBA Oceania official said.

Elias Rangamar of Marianas Islands Basketball Federation, which coordinated Le Fleur's visit on island, said they are looking to forming a pool of junior referees/table officials and coaches and have then help in various leagues on Saipan.

"Most of our veteran referees, coaches, and table officials are now concentrating on their families and other matters, so we really need to train our youth. Once they are done with this introductory course, we will try to help them attend a higher level course so they could get certification and continue to improve," Rangamar said.

Le Fleur's Level 1 coaching course will be held today from 8:30am to 11:30am, while on court session of the same topic will take place from 1pm to 3:30pm. Then at 5pm, the Australian will continue the on court referees/table officials' assessment.

PIC

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the third frame, including three triples. PIC drilled six triples in the crucial third canto with Mike Arciaga knocking in back-to-back to end the team's scoring.

Jack Aranda then opened the fourth with his own shot from beyond the arc and canned one more midway in the final quarter to keep PIC ahead. Michael Espinosa also hit a triple late in the match and had a string of 5 points, while PIC finished off CHCC from the foul line, nailing five charities—two each from Rabasto and Darwin Barbo and a split from Espinosa.

Rabasto paced PIC with his 22 points, while Arciaga had 14, and Espinosa, and Aranda added 13 and 12, respectively. Peter Mendiola led CHCC with his 16 points.

In the second game, MJD saved the best for last for the 22-point winning margin.

MJD was ahead by only a hair at the end of the third, 67-66, but managed to pull away in the fourth when Douglas Schmidt, Dan Barcinas, and Matt Dueans teamed up for 28 of the team's 37 poiints.

Schmidt ended up with 40 markers, while Duenas and Barcinas had 21 and 17, respectively. Preston Basa logged 25 for NMSA.

With the victory, MJD will face the winner of the IT&E-T Galleria tiff in the semis on Monday at 6:30pm. PIC and the victor of DFEMS-BSI tiff will collide in the other semis pairing also this Monday.

First Game

PIC 77— Rabasto 22, Arciaga 14, Espinosa 13, Aranda 12, Barbo 6, Eroch 4, Castro 4, Flores 2.

CHCC 71 — P. Mendiola 16, Johnson 12, Iramk 11, Galarse 8, Flores 6, Raho 6, Ogumoro 6, Ajoste 6, Camacho 2.

Scoring by quarters: 11-8, 28-40, 54-53, 77-71.

Second Game

MJD 104 — Schmidt 40, Duenas 21, Barcinas 17, Lizama 12, Quan 3, Rosario 2.

NMSA 82 — Basa 25, P. Camacho 13, Nakashima 12, Iguel 11, Caro 10, Villacrusis 5.

Scoring by quarters: 21-20, 52-46, 67-66, 104-82.

SAIPAN

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Izuka, Enrico Del Rosario, Oliver Lee, Rintaro Miyawaki, Tania Tan, and Malika Miyawaki. The M-Factor, who had MP United Football Club players as members, also completed 23 laps in 2:57:36. Rounding out the Top 3 with 22 laps in 2:54:58 was Team TASI's Tamio Nishikido, Taro Goto, Takeshi Takano, Hiroyuki Maeda, Sakiko Eda, Haruya Eda, Taro Kubo, Masaki Narita, and Maki Narita.

Other competing teams were fourth and fifth placers Charisou and SALTY'S, Agape Boys C Team, Agape Boys B Team, Fishing Tackle, Sato-Sekiguchi, Tsunami Sprinters, Tiffany's Swan Song, SHARK, Team HORIPRO A, TAKEDA, Agape Girls A Team, Tsunami Rurtles, Team Inouse, Himawari Badminton Club, Team Takeda, and Ganbare Nippon.

The Top 5 teams won cash prizes and products from Goods for Running from Phiten.

There were 127 runners in the event with 11 of them were Japanese celebrities, and the race was filmed for a 75-minute special that will be aired on July 2, 2016 on nationwide network TV Tokyo.

The participating celebrities were: Goro Noguchi (singer/ NMI Tourism Ambassador), Nobuhiro Takeda (former Japan National team professional football player), Yusuke Inoue (comedian), The TOUCH (Kazuya and Takuya, twins comedians), Maya and Saya Kimura (former Japan National Synchronized Swimming Team member), Nozomi Tachibana (actress and Miss Saipan 2014), Mariya Nagao (actress and former member of AKB48), Tatsunori Fuse (singer/entertainer) and Mac Suzuki (former professional baseball pitcher).

"Ekiden is a popular sport in Japan, and we hope to attract more international teams next year," said Concepcion. "Our Community Projects Division team has done a great job with this inaugural event and we especially thanked the community and all our sponsors who joined this year's kick-off."

The event was also supported by Horipro and NMI Tourism Ambassador Chiaki Nagumo, who helped bring the event to Saipan along with the celebrities from Japan. Event volunteers included Saipan Awadori, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Best Sunshine International, and Marianas Health Services.

Falcons sweep MVP awards in Junior League

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The Falcons' Tyrese Camacho delivers a pitch to the Kagman Enforcers during their tiebreak game for the pennant in the Junior League division of the SLLB late last month at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Falcons made it 2-for-2 in the most valuable player races as Tyrese Camacho and Spencer Dickinson were named regular season and Finals MVPs in the Junior League division of the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball last weekend at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Camacho, who was among the players in the Falcons' deep bullpen helped his squad earn the division's best mark (9-3), the same record the Kagman Enforcers got. Camacho, who had the division's most strikeouts (55) in the four round-robin regular season, and company eventually won the pennant after beating the Enforcers in the tiebreak game, 2-0. He was the starting pitcher in the rubber match before Dickinson took over late in the game.

Dickinson also relieved Camacho in their title match against the Enforcers last Sunday, allowing only four hits with no earned run in 3.4 innings pitched. The lefty also went 2-for-3 at bat and scored one RBI and two runs, which he posted in the pivotal bottom of the fifth inning to lift the Falcons to a 10-7 finals victory.

Dickinson and Camacho were awarded with trophies at the conclusion of the Junior League competition. Also making in to the awards list were batting champion Aven Evangelista of the Falcons; the Braves' Jose Tudela (doubles); the Enforcers' Dennis Cabrera (triples); and the Braves' Philip Kapileo (RBI) and Vicente Camacho (ERA). Evangelista also led the league in runs, tying teammate Angel Iguel.

Kiku, Peyton Lizama shine in Big League

Meanwhile, the Braves' Kiku Lizama and the Yankees Peyton Lizama bagged the regular season and Finals MVP awards in the Big League division.

Peyton powered the Yankees to an 8-2 title victory over the Islanders last Tuesday. He pitched 6. 2 innings, allowed only two hits, and gave up only one earned run. He also had five strikeouts and walked only four.

Kiku, on the other hand, topped three categories in the regular season to clinch the regular season MVP award. He was the batting champ (.500 average off his 19-for-30 performance at bat) and had the most doubles (5) and runs (14).

Winners in other categories were Darion Jones (most triples), Nathan Camacho (most strikeouts), M.J. Sakisat (best ERA), and Roke Tenorio (most RBIs). Tenorio along with Jhace Palacios took the home run trophy after rounding the bases once.

Shirley's, Kanoa rout opponents

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Shirley's Coffee Shop and Kanoa Resort got off to a rousing start after demolishing their respective foes in the opening of the 2016 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Shirley's played in the curtain-raiser and whipped Mamba's, 55-36, while Kanoa Resort hammered Lower Base, 125-40.

Kanoa's prized recruit Douglas Schmidt proved to be too much for Lower Base, as the former Palau National Team member outgunned their entire opponents after exploding for 44 points in his debut in the league. As if Schmidt's output was not enough for Kanoa to post a lopsided win, holdover Matt Duenas also made his presence felt early in the competition after adding 35 markers.

Schmidt, who was recently named regular season and Finals MVP in the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's island-wide league, scored Kanoa's first 8 points en route to lifting his team to a commanding 52-19 halftime lead.

In the first game, Shirley's also built an early double-digit lead, 32-14, to cruise to its debut win.

Aaron Pamintuan paced Shirley's with his 17 points, while Erick Dela Rosa also finished in twin digits with 12. Only Djay Ong had double figures for Mamba's, logging 12.

Meanwhile, defending champion Fiesta Resort closed out the opening day with a 65-59 triumph over Pacific Oriental, Inc.

Fiesta had a balance offense and gained control of the match in the first half to build cushion against POI's rally in the final frame.

Jarett Matsutaro top-scored for Fiesta with his 12 points, while Adonis Macoto contributed 11, and five others made at least 5 points apiece.

First Game

Shirley's 55 — Pamintuan 17, Dela Rosa 12, Jugos 6, Sabino 6, Catungal 4, Pollisco 4, Palma 3.

Mamba's 36 — D. Ong 12, De la Torre 9, Chan 6, J. Ong 6, Calibo 2, Angeles 2, Regis 2.

Scoring by halves: 32-14, 55-36.

Second Game

Kanoa Resort 125 — Schmidt 44, M. Duenas 35, Pablo 8, Sacramento 8, Bustillo 6, E. Duenas 4, Rabauliman 2.

Lower Base 40 — W. Benavente 8, Alegre 7, Jinang 5, Bazinero 4, Sablan 3, Garcia 2, Camu 2, J. Be-

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Shirley's Coffee Shop's Erick Dela Rosa stretches for a layup against Mamba's Djay Ong during the second half of their game in the Tan Holdings caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Saipan Tropical Ekiden draws 19 teams

The Marianas Visitors Authority's Inaugural Saipan Tropical Ekiden held last Saturday attracted 19 local and international teams

Sixteen local teams and three from Japan joined the 3-hour relay event aimed at building teamwork and camaraderie and is the newest annual signature event of the Northern Mariana Islands. Teams took off from Garapan Fishing Base at 5pm, traversing through downtown Garapan before sunset and then along the tiki torch-lit Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road pathway until 8pm.

"The Inaugural Saipan Tropical Ekiden was a success, and it was great to have both local and off-island teams joining," said MVA managing director Chris Concepcion. "We're happy to introduce this type of team building competition to the community and hope to see it grow."

Finishing first in this year's event with 23 laps in 2:52:38 was Agape Boys A Team, which had Jason Wang Shengen, Alan Zhao Chenxi, Samuel Hu Enze, David Cai Dawei, and Chen Haoyu as members. They were followed by the M-Factor Team of Alex Park, Clayton Izuka, Joshua Abragan, Kennedy

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Twin comedians Kazuya, second left, and Takuya, third left, of The Touch and another Japanese celebrity join MVA managing director Chris Concepcion for a group photo during the awards ceremony for the Inaugural Saipan Tropical Ekiden held last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Cavs fire back, blow out Warriors in Game 3

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PIC, MJD gain semis slots

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Pacific Islands Club's Emerson Feria, left, blocks the shot of CHCC's Leo Galarse during the first quarter of their playoff game in the inter-government/business caging last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Pacific Islands Club and MJD Enterprises booked the first two semis tickets in the 2016 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League after beating their respective playoff foes in contrasting fashions last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

MJD routed Northern Marianas Sports Association in the second quarterfinal match, 104-82, while PIC rallied past CHCC in the first game, 77-71, behind its 3-point shooting and solid game from its young guns in the second half.

PIC took the win and the first semis berth that goes with it despite falling behind by as much as 15, 37-22 in the second quarter, which ended with CHCC still ahead by double figures, 40-28. CHCC threatened to pull away after launching a 13-2 scoring run midway in the second frame, turning a 24-20 advantage to a twin digit lead.

However, CHCC failed to carry its momentum in the third period, while PIC recovered and even stole the driver's seat, 54-53, going into the final quarter. Sean Rabasto anchored PIC's rally, making 13 straight points in

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Brewers nose out Ol'Aces

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The Brewers edged the BSI Aces in a low-scoring game, 3-2, in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last Wednesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The defending champions scored two runs at the top of the eighth inning to take the close win and improve their record to 9-3. Nokki Saralu and designated hitter Manny Sablan made the two runs off a balk and the Aces' error, respectively. The Brewers' first run came way back in the first inning with Sablan's single bringing in leadoff batter Ton Tenorio.

The Aces, on the other hand, broke their silence at the bottom of the fourth to force the first standoff. Eric Palacios put the Aces on the board, as he singled, moved to second off a wild pitch, and stole third before reaching home off a Brewers' miscue.

The Aces then grabbed the lead at the bottom of the sixth, thanks to Darion Jones' RBI single. The Aces went up as the Brewers were silent from the second to seventh inning before making a move in the eighth to regain the driver's seat.

The Brewers went on to preserve the shaky lead in the last two innings with Vince Cepeda closing out

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The GSM Brewers' Nokki Saralu, seen here practicing his swing, scored one of the two runs in their 3-2 win over the BSI Aces in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Former Olympian, WNBA player holds seminar

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FIBA Oceania development manager (sports administration) Annie La Fleur is in town conducting basic coaching and refereeing course at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Le Fleur, who played for the Australian Women's National Team that won the silver in the 2000 Summer Olympic Games held in Sydney and also saw action in the Women's National Basketball Association with the Minnesota Lynx (199) and the Washington Mystics (2001-2003), arrived on Saipan last Wednesday morning and buckled down to work the same day, holding an administration course from 1pm to 4pm before conducting drills for the CNMI Women's Junior national team pool from 5pm to 6pm.

Yesterday, her morning session focused on table officials and statistician course, while in the afternoon, she held a referee course for more than 20 participants. The 47-year old former pro and a veteran coach in the Land Down Under then made on court assessments on referees and table officials last night.

"We had a great turn out for the beginners referees workshop. All of these participants were beginners and the ses-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
FIBA Oceania development manager (sports administration) Annie La Fleur, fifth left, demonstrates to the participants how to call a foul during a referee course yesterday at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.